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The Family
Of
Joseph and Fannie
(Roth)
Gerig

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Dear Gerig Family Members,

I am delighted to have completed this **GERIG** Family Book listing the descendants of my great grandparents, **Joseph and Fannie (Roth) Gerig**.

I have built upon the work of Eli E. Zimmerman in 1959 when he produced the first book listing the descendants of Joseph and Fannie. I have included the preface and pages 1-6 from his book.

I never knew my Gerig great grandparents, but I felt as if I did since I heard my mother talk a lot about them. When she was a little girl her parents (my grandparents) lived in the same house as Joseph and Fannie. I remember well eleven of the thirteen Gerig children. They were my great uncles and aunts and one, Chris, was my maternal grandfather.

Joseph Gerig was born in Germany. Fannie Roth was born in Butler County, OH. Joseph and Fannie were married in Tazewell County, IL. Twelve of their thirteen children were born in Waldo Township, Livingston County, IL. Lydia, the youngest was born in Pike Township, Livingston County, IL. Joseph and Fannie spent their last years in Flanagan, IL. Both were members of the Egly Amish Church, later known as the Defenseless Mennonite Church, and currently the Evangelical Mennonite Church. Both are buried in Waldo Cemetery, Livingston County, IL.

About half of the eleven children who grew to adulthood moved from Illinois to Woodburn, IN. For a number of years the Gerig reunion was held each September at Monticello, IN, about half way between Flanagan, IL and Woodburn, IN. When I was a child I remember frequent visit to Illinois by my great uncles and great aunts living in Indiana. For a few years I corresponded with Uncle J. M. Gerig, Aunt Mary Gerig and Aunt Emma Gerig.

I am very grateful to a number of my second cousins who helped me to gather the information for this book. In particular I would like to thank Emerlad Gerig who assisted me in collecting the information on the largest part of this family, the descendants of his grandparents, Joseph M. and Mary (Zimmerman) Gerig.

I am grateful for my Gerig heritage. I am thrilled with a commitment to Jesus Christ that characterized the family as a whole. In part, because of this heritage, I am a Christian and a churchman. I have enjoyed preparing this book and hope that you will enjoy reading it.

Cordially,

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I want to pay tribute to the following persons who have written a portion of the material included in this book. These are:

Elias E. Zimmerman – Eli compiled the Gerig family book printed in 1959. I have included the preface and pages 1-6 from that book. I am indebted to him for providing much of the beginning information for this book.

Joseph M. Gerig – I have included the “Family Record” compiled by him in 1948. I have also included a letter written by him to me dated July 8, 1946. His third contribution to this book is a poem sent by him to me on November 3, 1948. Lastly, he compiled a sheet “Names of J. M. Gerig & Family” dated August 17, 1944.

Peter Gerig – He compiled a listing of the Gerig family. It appears to have been written in 1948. His second sheet is on a letterhead of the Meadows Mennonite Old Peoples Home.

Mary Gerig – She wrote a letter to me dated May 4, 1948, included in this book.

Chris Gerig – I have included two of his poems; “My Desire” and “Wife and Mother.” The second poem was written in memory of my grandmother, Mary Ann (Litwiller) Gerig. I have also included a copy of his testimony, written as a response to my grandmother’s untimely death.

Emma Gerig – I have included a letter written to me by Aunt Emma dated March 29, 1948.

Neil Ann Stuckey Levine – Neil Ann is a Historian specializing in Amish Mennonite immigration to North America from Europe in the early nineteenth century. She authored the article, The Family of Michael Zehr (1762-1838) Near Strasbourg, France. This article was published in the January 1996 issue of Mennonite Family History, pages 4-14. In footnote #25 on page 10 she references Joseph Gerig, son of Johannes Gerig and Barbara Maurer, and husband of Katharina Eymann, whom he married on November 5, 1825. In a letter dated 30 May 1999 Neil Ann shared some dates of Gerig family members which she ran across in her research in Strasbourg, France. These are included.

In addition to the persons mentioned above, I would like to thank the following members of the Gerig family who provided special help for this project; Kay (Zimmerman) Alexander, Emerald Gerig, and Sylvia (Gerig) Knuth .

PREFACE

The object of this family record is to find out about past generations of the Gerig family, also for those of the present generation to become better acquainted with one another, and for those of future generations. This record is dedicated to you all hoping that it will be placed with your other valuable possessions. Quite a number of years ago mention was made of a record and I was chosen as historian. In the last two or three years more interest was manifested and work was begun to get it completed as soon as possible.

I, being the oldest grandchild of Joseph II do recall many of the things that transpired even while grandfather and grandmother were still living. I have pleasant memories when as a boy we all as a family for several years would go to visit with our grandparents, uncles, aunts, and cousins, staying several days or perhaps a week in the winter time. It was 10 miles to my grandparents' home. However, when we had a car the visits could be made oftener and only perhaps staying a few hours at a time.

My mother would frequently tell of some of the early times when she was a girl. Had I as a boy taken notes no doubt we would have a more complete record today. But we are fortunate in having received additional information to our own from those who have gone on before us in the last five years, and some of those who are yet living. Special mention is due to Peter Gerig of Flanagan, who having a good memory supplied me with a considerable part of the early data. Then also Emma Gerig of Gridley, had recorded things which were of great benefit. It is with a deep sense of gratitude to all the others who were so kind and supplied me with information when I asked them either by writing or personal contact.

Great care has been taken in the spelling of names, correct dates, addresses and occupations. That errors have occurred in the posterity of over 150 names of our ancestor Joseph I, is quite possible. Where such is the case I do ask that you will pardon me. I am sorry that not quite all the information desired from a few of the families could be supplied, but perhaps in later years can be recorded.

Grandfather and grandmother worshipped in the Salem church which was near their home. I believe the greatest number of their descendants are attending an Evangelical Mennonite church or are members of it in the area where they reside. In this record you will find listed some who are ministers of the Evangelical Mennonite conference, some that are or were deacons in their local church besides other duties pertaining to the Christian life. The different occupations noted are farmers, teachers, business men, and others.

I hope the work will prove inspirational and beneficial to all. We are living in a changing world. The changes are many that have taken place since our record began which was probably about in the year 1800 as near as we can ascertain. However, let us all strive to live faithful Christian lives so that at the end of our earthly pilgrimage we may all enter into the Home of the Blessed to be with our God forever.

Respectfully submitted,

Elias Edward Zimmerman
R.R. #5, Peoria, Illinois

July 1959

Brief Record of the Family of Joseph Gerig I

The Gerigs originated in Switzerland many generations ago. They had been Waldenses and came to Salin in the Vosges Mountains where a Täufer (Baptizers) settlement of Mennonites existed and undoubtedly do yet to this day. Such families as Bellers, Eymans, and Dellenbachs came from there.

There are many different families by the name of Gerig in this land of ours and if a record were available it is quite possible that many would be at least of some distant kin to us. Family records in the generations of the past were not kept or recorded as they are with some families in the last generation or two. Much of the data that we do have in some families is what the parents gave to their children verbally without much thought of recording it permanently in writing. That accounts why some records are incomplete. Then there are some people who seem to know not much if anything beyond their grandparents.

The history of our particular family begins with Joseph Gerig I. We do not know too much about him but are very glad for what we were able to gather. He married a woman by the name of Eyman, and then he moved to Musau, Strassburg, Germany. We have no record of the date and place of his birth or occupation. This one thing we do know that he was what was known in the past and yet by some people as an "Old Amish preacher". We do not know the first name of his wife or have any further record. It was the custom in those days to name the first born son after the name of his father.

We have the record that he had five sons and three daughters, of which only Joseph II, our grandfather, and his sister Mary came to America. In the record that we have we are not quite certain as to the order of the birth of his children after Joseph II. Therefore, they are listed with the information that was available in the following manner.

II. Christian was married and had three girls; namely, Kate, Lena, and Mary. He was married twice.

II. Lena was probably the oldest girl. She was first married to a Dellenbach and after his death married a preacher by the name of Chris Egly. He was married three times. She did not come to America.

II. Katie. No other information.

II. Mary was the only girl who came to America, somewhat later than grandfather. She first lived in Illinois in the Fairbury vicinity according to information. It was stated that she had walked to Peoria to attend the Apostolic church services. She married a man by the name Burko (first name not known). By that marriage there was one child, Katie. Later they moved to Coffee County, Kansas. Her husband died in Kansas. Peter Gerig while in Kansas in 1903, had the opportunity to talk to the daughter where he received some of the information of that family.

II. Jacob Gerig never was married. By occupation he was a railroad man and was killed while working on it.

II. John Gerig was born in Germany and also his wife. Date of birth is not know, but it is quite certain that he died in March 1908. It is thought that his wife was a Goldsmith (first name unknown). He had two sons, Henry and Joseph. Henry came to America when about 17 years of age settling near Chenoa, Illinois where he was a farmer for a few years. He was born in Germany in September 7, 1875. His second marriage was to Gladys Smith born January 2, 1889 in Kansas. They resided in the vicinity of Wainwright, Oklahoma. He died in Oklahoma, November 18, 1947. The descendants are listed below. Since Henry was of the third generation his children are listed as generation IV. and the grandchildren as V.

IV. John A. Gerig was born June 11, 1909 in Oklahoma; married Gladys M. Wiedersphan who was born in Bartlett, Texas. Farmers, Bartlett, Tex.

V. Michael Gerig was born January 18, 1947. All three children were
 V. Mona Gerig was born November 18, 1949. born at Temple, Texas
 V. Gregory Gerig was born July 13, 1953.

IV. Herman Gerig was born February 7, 1911 in Oklahoma; married Pearl Parker, born in Oklahoma. Farmers, Boynton, Oklahoma.

V. Ralph Gerig was born February 10, 1950. All three children were
 V. Ronald Gerig was born January 2, 1953. born at Muskogee, Okla.
 V. Jerry Gerig was born September 27, 1950.

IV. Lona Gerig was born April 13, 1913 in Oklahoma; married Leslie Leggett, born in Arkansas. Grocer, Los Angeles, California.

V. Joan Leggett was born June 29, 1948 in Los Angeles, Calif.

IV. Ruth Gerig was born July 3, 1917 in Oklahoma; married J. D. Atkinson. Minister, Watsonville, California.

V. Edith Atkinson was born March 17, 1937 in Oklahoma.

IV. Henry Gerig, Jr. was born June 15, 1919 in Oklahoma; married Lynne Overstreet, born in Oklahoma. Carpenter, Los Angeles, Calif.

IV. Paul Gerig was born September 29, 1921 in Oklahoma; married Rebecca Hammond, born in Oklahoma. Carpenter, Watsonville, Calif.

V. Barbara Gerig was born July 18, 1948. Both children were born
 V. Floyd Gerig was born December 18, 1951. in Muskogee, Okla.

IV. Joseph George Gerig was born August 29, 1927 in Oklahoma; married Lorene Sexton, born in Oklahoma. Carpenter, Los Angeles, Calif.

V. Alicea Gerig was born February 2, 1947. Both children were born
 V. Darice Gerig was born October 28, 1951. in Oklahoma.

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III. Joseph Gerig, second son and child of John Gerig, son of Joseph I also was born in Germany on March 4, 1882. As a young man he came to this country. When he left his native land he was ready for High School. Upon the advice of my father and perhaps others he decided to

go to High School. In 1903 he graduated from the Flanagan High School which then only had a two year course. In 1900 he worked for my father on the farm for \$19.00 per month.

With his desire for reading and study he prepared himself for a teacher. For awhile he taught at the State Reformatory at Pontiac. Then he taught at various other places. Later he went to the state of Montana and took a homestead not too far from Lewistown, where he farmed and also taught school. Awhile later he quit teaching and just farmed. Once he spent four years in the U.S. Navy and in that way saw much of the world. He died unexpectedly it is thought from tick fever about the middle of May in 1942. He never married. For many years he and I corresponded with each other. He visited at our home several times before going to Montana.

II. Peter Gerig, the youngest son, was also born in Germany and married. He had two children, Albert and Kate. Albert was from his first marriage, and according to a report was killed in an automobile accident quite a number of years ago. I had corresponded with him for a while writing in German.

Ben Brucker was from the second marriage. He came to America and for awhile, perhaps 45 years ago, worked in a harness shop in Minonk, Illinois. He visited at our home while in the area. We do not know where he might be now or if he is still living. An only sister of Ben Brucker is deceased.

Since we did not have a more complete record, it was thought best to arrange it this manner except the genealogy of Joseph II.

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Historical Record of Joseph Gerig II (Our Grandfather)

Joseph Gerig, oldest child in the family of Joseph I, was born Nov. 1, 1826, near Strassburg, Germany. He decided to depart from his native land at the age of 22 years leaving Hamburg, Germany and crossing the Atlantic Ocean on a sailing vessel. After 42 days of such travel he landed at New York City. Some days they went backward farther than they had gone forward the day before. Once they were almost out of food and were limited to one meal a day.

From New York he travelled to Mt. Vernon, Ohio, where he worked in a livery stable, remaining there for three years. (That was the day when horses were used for travel - very different from our present time. From there he migrated westward arriving in Illinois at a place then called Slabtown, near the present Mackinaw Dells about 25 miles southeast of Peoria. Here he worked as a farm hand for about nine years.

Next he went to the vicinity of the present site of Gridley, then known as the Gridley Prairie, perhaps on account of the absence of trees in comparison to Slabtown. He decided to take up farming for himself, and for two years boarded with John Ehresman and his family. Mr. Ehresman was the father of the late Joe, Peter, Jake, and Barbara Ehresman, being remembered by some of us older grandchildren.

About this time he had decided to build a little home for himself

on the farm which he purchased after he came from Slabtown, and had already farmed for two years. It was an 80 acre tract which he purchased from John Rediger, brother to the Rev. Joseph Rediger who was the bishop at the Salem church for many years until his decease in about 1904. For this land he paid \$7.00 per acre. What a contrast compared to present day prices some at \$700.00 per acre and even more. He borrowed money from the Danforth Bank in Washington, Illinois at the rate of ten per cent interest. It was recalled by some of his children that he was about at the point of giving up the farm. The banker asked how much he had paid. Grandfather said he had paid \$100.00. The banker gave his approval and said he should continue farming and pay off the loan. He did so. This farm was about 3/4 of a mile east of the Salem church in Waldo Township. It was farmed for many years by Edwin Gerig.

On this little place he lived as a bachelor for two years after he left the Ehresmans. The part of the original building recently was still standing - the one room shack. Later he added to it. Now having found the young lady of his choice he married Fanny Roth on Feb. 25, 1864, who was born Apr. 14, 1846 in Butler County, Ohio. No doubt we will remember this was the time when the Civil War was being waged. Here they lived for more than twenty years and all the children were born there except Lydia, the youngest. Grandfather was a successful farmer, very economical and a good manager as is well known. All the children being born and raised on the farm knew what it meant to put in a good day of hard work. All that before mentioned in addition to the blessings of God upon his labors contributed to his future investments.

He died in Flanagan May 18, 1911 at the age of 84 years, 6 months and 17 days. Grandmother died Dec. 23, 1919 near Woodburn, Indiana, at the age of 73 years, 7 months, and 9 days. Both are buried in Waldo cemetery.

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A Brief Sketch of the Family of our Grandmother

Fanny Roth was born Apr. 14, 1846, in Butler County, Ohio. Her mother's maiden name was Anna Schmitt, or Smith, who was born June 27, 1814 in Alsace Lorraine, France. She died at the home of her grandson Chris Oyer, near Roanoke, Illinois, Jan 10, 1892. She was married to a Roth, but no one seems to be able to give his first name. Of that marriage besides grandmother, a son Jacob was born who died at the age of seven years.

After the death of great grandmother Smith's husband Mr. Roth, she married Joseph Oyer whose father's name we are not certain of either but it is believed to be Jacob. We do not know the name of Jacob's wife. There were 14 children in the family. Many of the descendants as Oyers, Ulrichs, Zehrs, Redigers and others lived in the vicinity of Gridley. Some later moved to various other states. Rev. Joseph Rediger mentioned before had one of the Oyer girls for his wife.

Anna Smith had one sister by the name of Mary who was the mother of John Neuhauser who was a farmer near Flanagan for a number of years. He was well known to many of us.

Another sister (either Elizabeth or Barbara) married John Kinsinger.

From the second marriage of Anna Smith three sons were born.

Chris Oyer who married Katie Zehr lived for 21 years near Roanoke, then moved to Fisher, Illinois. His descendants are or have been located in various places in Illinois, as Morton is where Jacob lives, Congerville is where Peter lives, also others near Fisher, Iowa and Michigan. They were farmers. There were 12 children. He was buried on his 77th birthday in 1929.

John married Mary Smith. They farmed for a few years near Gridley. Later he moved to a place two miles east of Metamora. He did carpenter work then until 1901 when he started to farm again near Metamora. In about 1921 they moved to St. John, Michigan where he, his wife and some of the children resided until their death. In 1955 in the month of January, they observed their 75th Wedding Anniversary. His wife died at the age of 96, and he died when he was 99 years, 5 months, and 22 days. One son, Ed, is a deacon in the Metamora church. Dan first was a deacon then a bishop and served at least part of the time at St. John, Mich. Noah, another son, was dean of Goshen College at the time of his death a few years ago. Emma was a worker for quite a few years in the Mennonite Mission in Chicago. He had 11 children.

Peter, the youngest, never married. He farmed for awhile in the Flanagan area and later did carpenter work. In his later years he spent part of his time with different ones of his nieces and nephews as at our home, uncles Joseph Gerig and Peter Gerig. The writer remembers him as a kind uncle in assisting at our house when we were in the midst of the influenza epidemic in 1918. He died at the Home for the Aged at Eureka, Ill., Nov. 21, 1931, at the age of 77 years and 15 days.

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Below are listed the different tracts of land that grandfather owned during his lifetime. Peter Gerig, his third son, was able to supply me with the extra information.

I. The original 80 acres as before stated was purchased from John Rediger for \$7.00 per acre. This was about 3/4 mile east of the Salem church. It was purchased in about 1860.

II. Shortly afterwards he purchased an adjoining 10 acres. On these 90 acres he reared a large family.

III. The north 80 acres where the Christian Beckers lived for many years in Pike Twp., probably about \$18.00 per acre.

IV. Next he purchased the south 80 A. adjoining the north one. It is thought the price was \$13.00 per A.

V. The 160 A. in Pike Twp. just south and across the road to the west from Pike cemetery, on which once Jacob, Peter, and Mary lived before they were married. Later it was occupied by Peter and still later by John. Purchased for \$26.00 per A.

VI. The 160 A. in Pike Twp. 1/2 mile north and 3 1/2 miles east of the Salem church which was bought for \$50.00 per A. This was bought from Isaac Zimmerman, father of the late Rev. D.M. Zimmerman of Sterling, Kansas. On this farm they lived from 1886 until in the fall of 1910 when they moved to Flanagan on account of grandfather's illness so he could be nearer a doctor. They lived on S. Jackson Street near the Lutheran church. It is quite certain that he bought this farm in 1884. However, Chris Ehresman farmed it in 1885. Now having sold

the original farm to Joe Claudon, father of the late D. N. Claudon, the family moved in 1886 to their new home.

VII. 240 acres approximately two miles east of their new home, paying \$54.00 per acre. His son, Jacob, daughter, Mary, and nephew, Henry Gerig, resided there for awhile.

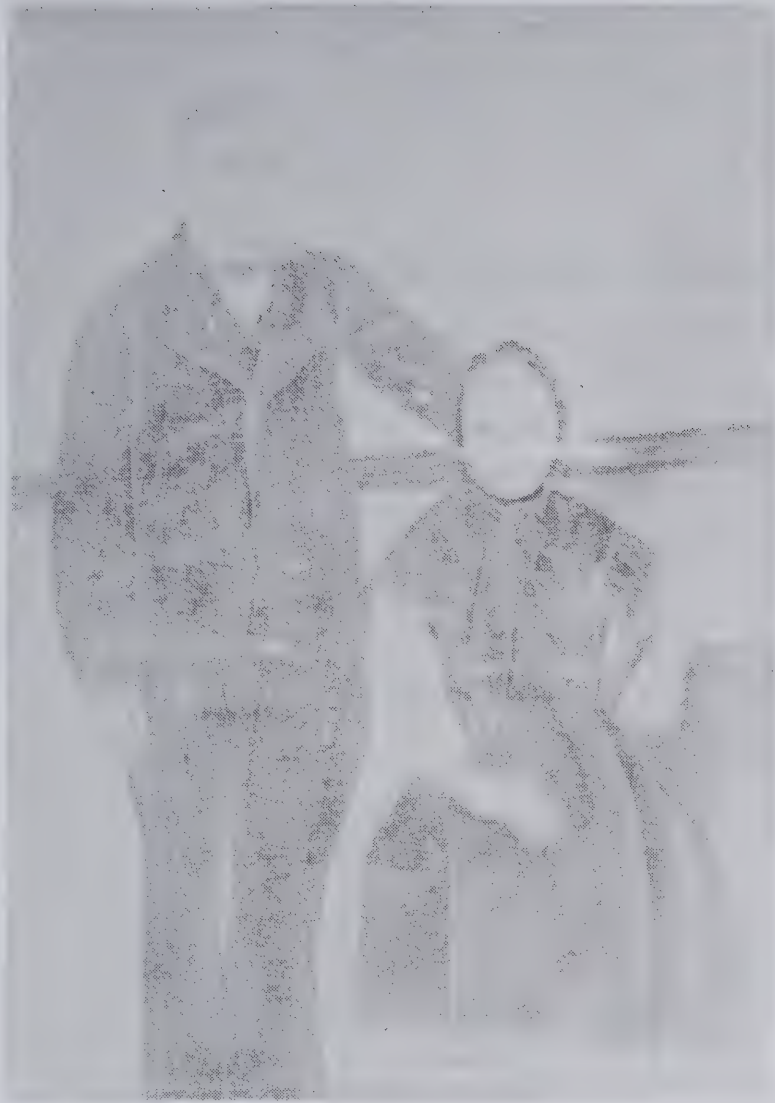
VIII. Then he traded farm No. VII, and bought enough to make a half section which was formerly known as the Joe Vercler farm. It is there where Jacob B. Gerig lived for quite a number of years before he moved to his Woodburn, Ind. farm after having the farm sale in 1936.

IX. Purchased 130 acres near Cornell, Ill. and later sold it again

X. Purchased 80 acres a few miles S.W. from Flanagan and later sold it.

XI. The last one that we have record of was the 80 acres 1/2 mile east of farm No. VI. which was owned by John after grandfather's death and later by Emma.

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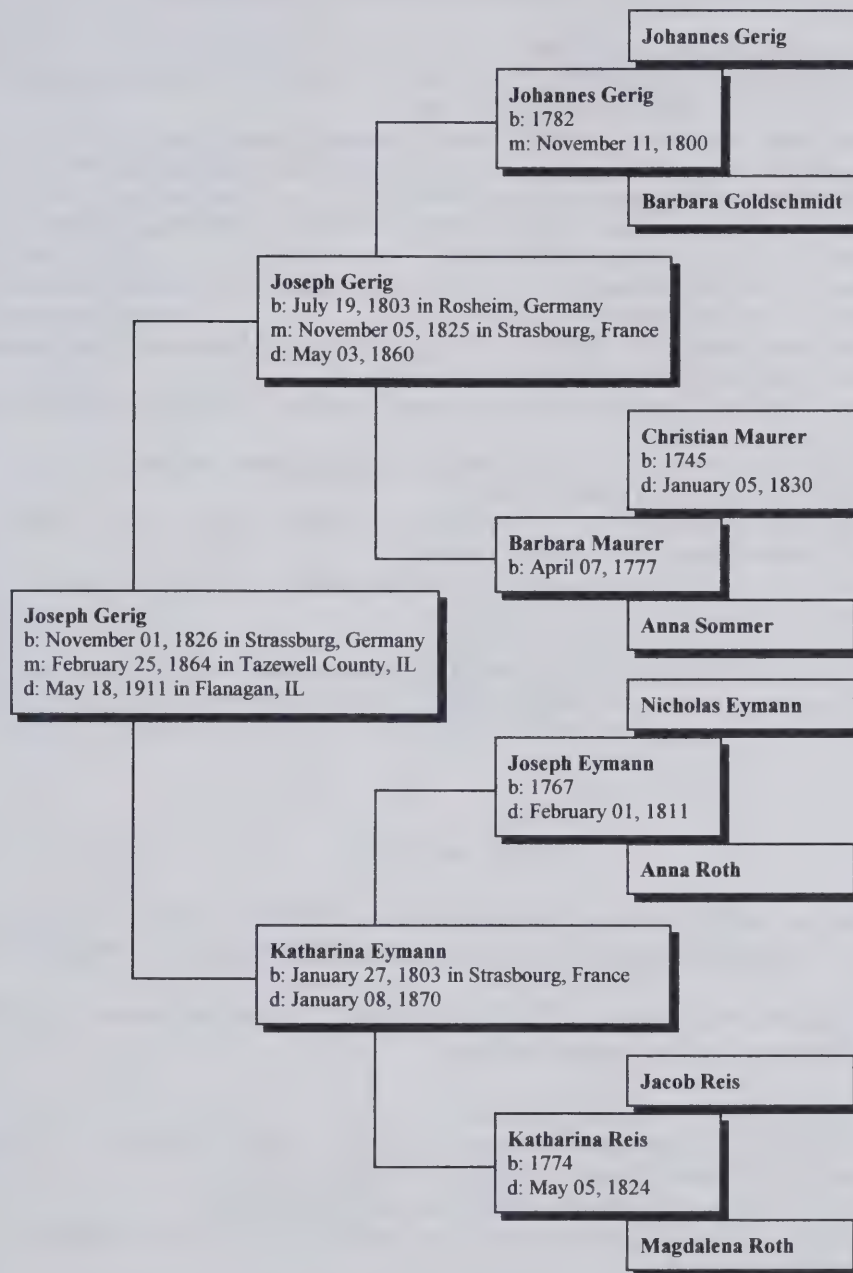


Mr. and Mrs. John Gerig
Germany
John was a brother to Joseph.



Benjamin Brucker
June 1913

Ancestors of Joseph Gerig



Ancestors of Joseph Gerig

Generation No. 1

1. Joseph Gerig, born November 01, 1826 in Strassburg, Germany; died May 18, 1911 in Flanagan, IL. He was the son of **2. Joseph Gerig** and **3. Katharina Eymann**. He married **(1) Fannie Roth** February 25, 1864 in Tazewell County, IL. She was the daughter of Joseph Roth and Anna Peterschmidt.

Children of Joseph Gerig and Fannie Roth are:

- i. Katherine Gerig, born February 03, 1865 in Waldo Township, IL; died October 10, 1941 in Gridley, IL; married Christian Becker November 30, 1890.
- ii. Anna Gerig, born March 23, 1866 in Waldo Township, IL; died March 26, 1872 in Waldo Township, IL.
- iii. Magdalena Gerig, born October 17, 1867 in Waldo Township, IL; died April 30, 1956 in Flanagan, IL; married Joel Zimmerman March 02, 1890.
- iv. Joseph M. Gerig, born June 30, 1869 in Waldo Township, IL; died May 10, 1954 in Woodburn, IN; married Mary Zimmerman April 19, 1892.
- v. Jacob B. Gerig, born December 22, 1872 in Waldo Township, IL; died May 26, 1960 in Woodburn, IN; married Minnie Rediger July 01, 1906.
- vi. Peter Gerig, born July 23, 1874 in Waldo Township, IL; died September 18, 1969 in Flanagan, IL; married Malinda Zimmerman December 13, 1898.
- vii. Mary Gerig, born November 11, 1876 in Waldo Township, IL; died January 05, 1968 in Woodburn, IN; married Henry Gerig.
- viii. John H. Gerig, born May 11, 1878 in Waldo Township, IL; died December 09, 1918 in Woodburn, IN; married Elizabeth Gerig March 15, 1903.
- ix. Chris Gerig, born January 17, 1880 in Gridley, IL; died February 20, 1962 in Gridley, IL; married Mary Ann Litwiller September 20, 1906 in Gridley, IL.
- x. Elizabeth Gerig, born May 20, 1881 in Waldo Township, IL; died June 17, 1966 in Fort Wayne, IN; married Henry G. Becker February 06, 1918.
- xi. Emma Gerig, born September 22, 1883 in Waldo Township, IL; died December 01, 1959.
- xii. Benjamin F. Gerig, born June 25, 1885 in Waldo Township, IL; died September 16, 1965; married (1) Gesina Joosten January 14, 1914; married (2) Mathilda Fanny Litwiller August 24, 1929.
- xiii. Lydia Gerig, born September 04, 1887 in Pike Township, IL; died October 15, 1887 in Pike Township, IL.

Generation No. 2

2. Joseph Gerig, born July 19, 1803 in Rosheim, Germany; died May 03, 1860. He was the son of **4. Johannes Gerig** and **5. Barbara Maurer**. He married **3. Katharina Eymann** November 05, 1825 in Strasbourg, France.

3. Katharina Eymann, born January 27, 1803 in Strasbourg, France; died January 08, 1870. She was the daughter of **6. Joseph Eymann** and **7. Katharina Reis**.

Children of Joseph Gerig and Katharina Eymann are:

1. i. Joseph Gerig, born November 01, 1826 in Strassburg, Germany; died May 18, 1911 in Flanagan, IL; married Fannie Roth February 25, 1864 in Tazewell County, IL.
- ii. John Gerig, born 1828; died March 1908; married Miss Goldsmith.
- iii. Magdalena Gerig, born 1830; married (1) Mr. Dellenbach; married (2) Christian Egly.
- iv. Katharina Gerig, born 1832.
- v. Jacob Gerig, born June 18, 1834; died July 28, 1887.
- vi. Christian Gerig, born August 25, 1836; died October 12, 1906; married Magdalena Wernert March 09, 1872.
- vii. Peter Gerig, born 1839.
- viii. Mary Gerig, born 1845; married Mr. Burkey.

Generation No. 3

4. Johannes Gerig, born 1782. He was the son of **8. Johannes Gerig** and **9. Barbara Goldschmidt**. He married **5. Barbara Maurer** November 11, 1800.

5. Barbara Maurer, born April 07, 1777. She was the daughter of **10. Christian Maurer** and **11. Anna Sommer**.

Child of Johannes Gerig and Barbara Maurer is:

- 2 i. **Joseph Gerig**, born July 19, 1803 in Rosheim, Germany; died May 03, 1860; married Katharina Eymann November 05, 1825 in Strasbourg, France.

6. Joseph Eymann, born 1767; died February 01, 1811. He was the son of **12. Nicholas Eymann** and **13. Anna Roth**. He married **7. Katharina Reis**.

7. Katharina Reis, born 1774; died May 05, 1824. She was the daughter of **14. Jacob Reis** and **15. Magdalena Roth**.

Children of Joseph Eymann and Katharina Reis are:

- 3 i. **Katharina Eymann**, born January 27, 1803 in Strasbourg, France; died January 08, 1870; married Joseph Gerig November 05, 1825 in Strasbourg, France.
 ii. **Elizabeth Eymann**, born 1786.
 iii. **Daughter Eymann**.
 iv. **Daughter Eymann**.
 v. **Son Eymann**.
 vi. **Son Eymann**.
 vii. **Son Eymann**.

THE FAMILY OF JOSEPH AND KATHARINA (EYMANN) GERIG

JOSEPH GERIG

m: Nov 5, 1825

b. Jul 19, 1803

d. May 3, 1860

Katharina Eymann

b. Jan 27, 1803

d. Jan 8, 1870

1. Joseph Gerig

m: Feb 25, 1864

b. Nov 1, 1826

d. May 18, 1911

Fannie Roth

b. Apr 14, 1846

d. Dec 23, 1919

2. John Gerig

m:

Goldsmith

b. 1828

b.

3. Magdalena Gerig

m:

Dellenbach

b. 1830

b.

Magdalena Dellenbach

m:

Christian Egly

Christian Egly

m:

Christian Egly

m:

4. Katharina Gerig

b. 1832

5. Jacob Gerig

b. Jun 18, 1834

d. Jul 28, 1887

6. Christian Gerig

m: Mar 9, 1872

b. Aug 25, 1836

d. Oct 12, 1906

Magdalena Wernert

b. Jan 7, 1834

Christian Gerig

m:

7. Peter Gerig

m:

b. 1839

Peter Gerig

m:

8. Mary Gerig

m:

Burkey

b. 1845

The Zehr-Vordemwald civil marriage record was witnessed officially by two bureaucrats and two Anabaptists. The latter were Johannes Grieser, 31, the groom's brother-in-law, and Joseph Gerig, 29;²⁵ both gave their occupation as farmer.

After marriage, Joseph Zehr and Maria Anna Vordemwald appear to have struck out on their own in some other location, for between 1832 and 1835 they are not recorded in Strasbourg census ledgers in connection with either the bride's or the groom's family. But, in a census entry penned in February 1835, the couple are documented among some thirty people, many with Anabaptist surnames, living at property #40 in Strasbourg.²⁶

Son **Joseph Zehr** was born to the Zehrs in 1835. Yet, since the couple wed in 1832, they may well have had children before this one, born when they lived somewhere else. Subsequent updates of this particular census ledger entry disclose two more children: **Barbara Zehr**, b. March 8, 1837, and **Michael Zehr**, born February 15, 1840. Strasbourg documentation may well hold additional information about Joseph Zehr's family. Does anyone know more about them or what happened to them after many members of the Zehr family went to America in 1841?

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JOHANNES ZEHR was thirty-one years old in 1837 when he travelled from the family's residence in the northern Strasbourg suburb of Robertsau to the picturesque village of Obernai (F 67210) to marry **KATHARINA BACHMANN**, a resident of that town in Bas-Rhin. A certified copy of the couple's French civil marriage document from Obernai, located along the fabled Alsatian Route du Vin, was obtained by the Zehr family as they prepared to leave Strasbourg for America in 1841 and is still in the possession of descendants today.

That document, dated March 2, 1837, describes the bride as twenty-six years old and now a resident of Obernai. She had been born on June 16, 1812, in Hugsweier (D 77933), Baden, Germany. Hugsweier is a village in the administrative district of Lahr in the Black Forest, across the Rhine River a few miles south of Strasbourg. Katharina Bachmann's parents are given in her marriage docu-

ment as **Christian Bachmann**, fifty-five, a miller at Obernai, and the late **Katharina Frey**, who had died in Obernai on August 10, 1835. Data written by Johannes Zehr in the Bible he purchased in 1857 by and large confirm and also augment details in his French civil marriage document, but over time he had misremembered some dates.²⁷

Christian Bachmann attended his daughter's wedding at Obernai and signed the couple's civil marriage certificate. The four mandatory official witnesses for this document were all bakers from Obernai, described as friends of the bride's family—and likely also customers of her father's.

Johannes Zehr's French civil marriage document gives some additional information about his family. Both his parents journeyed with him from Robertsau to Obernai for the ceremony. Michael Zehr (I)'s age is given as seventy-six, Barbara Bachmann's as fifty-eight. This record also states that Johannes Zehr had been born at Robertsau in Strasbourg on April 28, 1805. Johannes Zehr wrote his birthdate in his own Bible as April 27, 1805, the precise date his father Michael Zehr (I) had recorded in *his* Bible, which has been handed down through the family of Michael Zehr (II).

The fact that the date of birth given in Johannes Zehr's French civil marriage document is one day later than that written by him as well as by Michael Zehr (I) in family Bibles can be explained away as an understandable variation occasioned by different conversions from the French Republican calendar, in which all birth records for 1805 would have been kept, to the regular calendar used before 1792/93 and again beginning

in January 1806.

The mention of Robertsau as the precise Strasbourg location in which Johannes Zehr was born in 1805 in his civil marriage record from Obernai demonstrates, as the Strasbourg census ledgers cited earlier do not, that the family of Michael Zehr (I) settled first—at least by 1805—at Robertsau when they moved to the jurisdiction of Strasbourg from Ostwald in 1802. Furthermore, that the family went directly to Robertsau from Ostwald is confirmed from the copy of the French civil birth certificate of Michael Zehr (II) that he obtained in 1841 during preparatory arrangements for emigration. This document gives his date of birth as 26 *prairial* XI (June 15, 1803)—exactly as written by his father in the Bible Michael Zehr (II) inherited—and Robertsau as his place of birth. The occupation of Michael Zehr (I) in 1803 was noted as tenant farmer (*fermier*).

As discussed earlier, Michael Zehr (I)'s family were settled at la Ménagerie south of the heart of the city by ca 1806. It appears unlikely that they settled first in Robertsau in order to be near the family of Michael Zehr (I)'s elder brother, Joseph Zehr. Although Joseph Zehr had made Robertsau his home from early in the 1770s and was back there again in retirement in 1817, his family had moved south to Neuhof by 1790/91, as discussed above. And, curiously, no member of either Zehr brother's family was an official witness at the marriage record of any niece or nephew whose wedding at Strasbourg is discussed in this article.

But Robertsau was the home of the sizable family of fellow Anabaptists Johannes Zimmermann and Barbara Stucky throughout the two years that

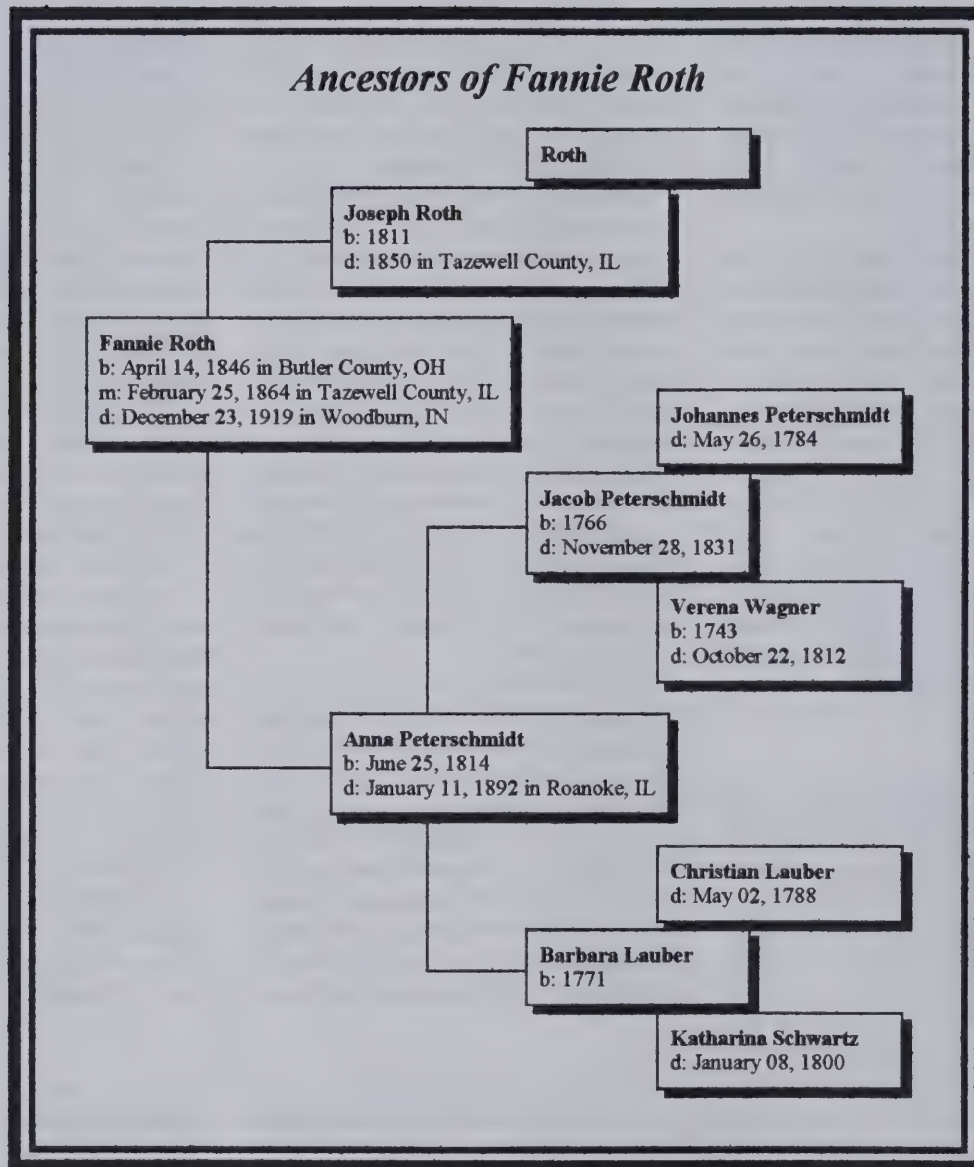
²⁵ Joseph Gerig, born on 30 *messidor* XI (July 19, 1803) in Rosheim (F 67560) in Bas-Rhin, son of Johannes Gerig and Barbara Maurer now of Sainte-Marie-aux-Mines, was still living with his parents in Sainte-Marie when he married Katharina Eymann in Strasbourg on November 5, 1825: film 0759088, 1825, #404.

²⁶ Also resident there at various times were the families of Johannes and Maria Sommer Eigsti, Christian and Anna Maria Hunsinger Schlabach, and Christian and Katharina Maurer Egli. Details on the latter family in N.A.S. Levine, "Some Egli Families at Strasbourg," forthcoming.

²⁷ "We were married in the year 1837, March 5.... My wife 'Chatarina Bachman' was born June 16, 1812, in the Grand Duchy

of Baden, in the location of the principal government office at Lahr.... My wife's mother died August 16, 1835; her name was 'Chadarina' Frey.... And my wife's father, Christian Bachman, died December 11, 1852 [place not specified]; he was about 70 years old." *Wir Sind in den Ehestand Geträtten im Jahr 1837 den 5 März.... Mein Frau Chadarina Bachman ist gebohren worden den 16 Brachmonat 1812 im Grosherzogthum Baden ihm Ober Amt Lahr.... Meiner Frau Chadarina Bachman ihr Mutter ist Gestorben den 16 Augustmonat 1835. ihr Nahmen war Chadarina Frey.... Auch ist meiner Frau ihr Vatter Christian Bachman Gestorben den 11 Christmonat 1852. Er War Alt ongefähr 70 Jahr.*

Ancestors of Fannie Roth



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Generation No. 1

1. Fannie Roth, born April 14, 1846 in Butler County, OH; died December 23, 1919 in Woodburn, IN. She was the daughter of **2. Joseph Roth** and **3. Anna Peterschmidt**. She married **(1) Joseph Gerig** February 25, 1864 in Tazewell County, IL. He was the son of Joseph Gerig and Katharina Eymann.

Children of Fannie Roth and Joseph Gerig are:

- i. Katherine Gerig, born February 03, 1865 in Waldo Township, IL; died October 10, 1941 in Gridley, IL; married Christian Becker November 30, 1890.
- ii. Anna Gerig, born March 23, 1866 in Waldo Township, IL; died March 26, 1872 in Waldo Township, IL.
- iii. Magdalena Gerig, born October 17, 1867 in Waldo Township, IL; died April 30, 1956 in Flanagan, IL; married Joel Zimmerman March 02, 1890.
- iv. Joseph M. Gerig, born June 30, 1869 in Waldo Township, IL; died May 10, 1954 in Woodburn, IN; married Mary Zimmerman April 19, 1892.
- v. Jacob B. Gerig, born December 22, 1872 in Waldo Township, IL; died May 26, 1960 in Woodburn, IN; married Minnie Rediger July 01, 1906.
- vi. Peter Gerig, born July 23, 1874 in Waldo Township, IL; died September 18, 1969 in Flanagan, IL; married Malinda Zimmerman December 13, 1898.
- vii. Mary Gerig, born November 11, 1876 in Waldo Township, IL; died January 05, 1968 in Woodburn, IN; married Henry Gerig.
- viii. John H. Gerig, born May 11, 1878 in Waldo Township, IL; died December 09, 1918 in Woodburn, IN; married Elizabeth Gerig March 15, 1903.
- ix. Chris Gerig, born January 17, 1880 in Gridley, IL; died February 20, 1962 in Gridley, IL; married Mary Ann Litwiller September 20, 1906 in Gridley, IL.
- x. Elizabeth Gerig, born May 20, 1881 in Waldo Township, IL; died June 17, 1966 in Fort Wayne, IN; married Henry G. Becker February 06, 1918.
- xi. Emma Gerig, born September 22, 1883 in Waldo Township, IL; died December 01, 1959.
- xii. Benjamin F. Gerig, born June 25, 1885 in Waldo Township, IL; died September 16, 1965; married (1) Gesina Joosten January 14, 1914; married (2) Mathilda Fanny Litwiller August 24, 1929.
- xiii. Lydia Gerig, born September 04, 1887 in Pike Township, IL; died October 15, 1887 in Pike Township, IL.

Generation No. 2

2. Joseph Roth, born 1811; died 1850 in Tazewell County, IL. He was the son of **4. Roth**. He married **3. Anna Peterschmidt**.

3. Anna Peterschmidt, born June 25, 1814; died January 11, 1892 in Roanoke, IL. She was the daughter of **6. Jacob Peterschmidt** and **7. Barbara Lauber**.

Children of Joseph Roth and Anna Peterschmidt are:

- 1
 - i. Fannie Roth, born April 14, 1846 in Butler County, OH; died December 23, 1919 in Woodburn, IN; married Joseph Gerig February 25, 1864 in Tazewell County, IL.
 - ii. Jacob Roth.

Generation No. 3

4. Roth.

Child of Roth is:

- 2
 - i. Joseph Roth, born 1811; died 1850 in Tazewell County, IL; married Anna Peterschmidt.

6. Jacob Peterschmidt, born 1766; died November 28, 1831. He was the son of **12. Johannes Peterschmidt** and **13. Verena Wagner**. He married **7. Barbara Lauber**.

7. Barbara Lauber, born 1771. She was the daughter of **14. Christian Lauber** and **15. Katharina Schwartz**.

Children of Jacob Peterschmidt and Barbara Lauber are:

- i. Christian Peterschmidt, born 1790.
- ii. Johannes Peterschmidt, born December 06, 1794; married Christina Schwartz.
- iii. Jacob Peterschmidt, born January 11, 1797.
- iv. Katharina Peterschmidt, born March 07, 1801.
- v. Barbara Peterschmidt, born 1803; died October 04, 1807.
- vi. Elisabeth Peterschmidt, born December 06, 1805.
- vii. Anna Maria Peterschmidt, born July 22, 1807; died February 02, 1884; married Peter N. Neuhauser January 23, 1835.
- viii. Joseph Peterschmidt, born November 20, 1809; died April 20, 1810.
- ix. Barbara Peterschmidt, born January 30, 1811.
- 3 x. Anna Peterschmidt, born June 25, 1814; died January 11, 1892 in Roanoke, IL; married (1) Joseph Roth; married (2) Joseph Oyer September 07, 1851 in Tazewell County IL.

THE FAMILY OF JOSEPH AND ANNA (PETERSCHMIDT) ROTH

JOSEPH ROTH	b.	d.	1850
m:			
Anna Peterschmidt	b. Jun 27, 1814	d. Jan 10, 1892	
1. Fannie Roth	b. Apr 14, 1846	d. Dec 23, 1919	
m: Feb 25, 1864			
Joseph Gerig	b. Nov 1, 1826	d. May 18, 1911	
2. Jacob Roth	b.	d. Age 7	

THE FAMILY OF JOSEPH AND ANNA (PETERSCHMIDT) ROTH OYER

JOSEPH OYER

m: Sep 7, 1851

Anna (Peterschmidt) Roth

1. Christian Oyer

m: Aug 27, 1876

Katherine Zehr

2. Peter Oyer

3. John P. Oyer

m: Jan 15, 1880

Mary Smith

b. Jan 29, 1814

d. Aug 16, 1866

b. Jun 25, 1814

d. Jan 11, 1892

b. May 23, 1852

d. May 20, 1929

b. Apr 2, 1858

d. Apr 14, 1921

b. Nov 6, 1854

d. Nov 21, 1931

b. Feb 27, 1859

d. Aug 19, 1957

b. Dec 31, 1861

d. May 27, 1955

THE FAMILY OF CHRISTIAN AND KATHERINE (ZEHR) OYER

CHRISTIAN OYER

m: Aug 27, 1876

Katherine Zehr

1. Jacob Oyer

m: Mar 8, 1900

Elizabeth Zehr

2. Anna Oyer

m: Jan 2, 1902

William Unzicker

3. Joseph Oyer

m: Nov 25, 1909

Bertha Zimmerman

4. Peter Oyer

m: Jan 5, 1909

Ada Sann

5. Elizabeth Oyer

m: Dec 17, 1903

Joseph D. Birkey

6. Samuel Oyer

m: Nov 5, 1913

Elmira Naffziger

7. Manuel Oyer

m: Oct 2, 1913

Elizabeth Baecher

8. Magdalena M. Oyer

m: Jan 31, 1907

John E. Birkey

9. Katherine Oyer

m: Mar 1, 1910

Levi F. Birkey

10. Elsie Oyer

11. John Raymond Oyer

m: Dec 6, 1921

Mary Anna Springer

12. Clara Luella Oyer

b. May 23, 1852

d. May 20, 1929

b. Apr 2, 1858

d. Apr 14, 1921

b. May 24, 1877

d. Oct 25, 1966

b. Oct 13, 1877

d. Jul 12, 1952

b. Jul 9, 1878

d. Oct 3, 1948

b. Jan 12, 1880

d. Jun 8, 1963

b. Mar 29, 1880

d. Jul 10, 1963

b. Oct 25, 1889

d. Oct 14, 1952

b. Jan 4, 1882

d. Oct 23, 1969

b. Mar 22, 1891

d. Jan 28, 1967

b. Dec 11, 1883

d. Feb 6, 1929

b. Nov 11, 1880

d. Sep 25, 1971

b. May 7, 1886

d. Nov 23, 1983

b. Feb 17, 1888

d. Feb 10, 1972

b. Mar 19, 1888

d. Oct 2, 1967

b. Nov 17, 1891

d. Dec 17, 1978

b. Jan 29, 1890

d. Apr 3, 1950

b. Mar 15, 1882

d. Aug 15, 1980

b. Feb 6, 1892

d. Mar 10, 1960

b. Mar 7, 1884

d. Sep 7, 1951

b. Jan 23, 1894

d. Oct 8, 1977

b. Jun 7, 1896

d. Oct 4, 1930

b. Jun 16, 1901

d. Dec 26, 1992

b. Aug 14, 1898

d. Aug 14, 1898

THE FAMILY OF JOHN P. AND MARY (SMITH) OYER

JOHN P. OYER		b. Feb 27, 1858	d. Oct 19, 1957
m: Jan 15, 1880			
Mary Smith		b. Dec 31, 1861	d. May 27, 1955
1.	Edward H. Oyer	b. Mar 2, 1881	d. Dec 14, 1975
	m: Nov 29, 1908		
	Ellen Smith	b. Jun 15, 1880	d. Nov 11, 1969
2.	Daniel S. Oyer	b. Dec 5, 1882	d. Sep 15, 1954
	m: Aug 5, 1909		
	Frances R. Zook	b. Oct 5, 1873	d. Nov 3, 1927
	Daniel S. Oyer		
	m: Aug 18, 1929		
	Phoebe A. Zook	b. Jan 22, 1895	d. Oct 1, 1961
3.	Lydia Oyer	b. Oct 9, 1884	d. Apr 8, 1984
4.	Emma Oyer	b. Aug 6, 1886	d. May 10, 1951
5.	Amos Oyer	b. Jun 11, 1889	d. May 30, 1890
6.	Noah Oyer	b. Apr 11, 1891	d. Feb 25, 1931
	m: Aug 9, 1915		
	Siddie B. King	b. Oct 30, 1884	d. Mar 7, 1963
7.	Arthur Oyer	b. Aug 26, 1893	d. Oct 2, 1894
8.	Elmer Jesse Oyer	b. Mar 5, 1896	d. Jan 1, 1992
	m: Oct 15, 1924		
	Dora Alma Springer	b. Sep 12, 1904	d. Oct 15, 1924
9.	Edna Mae Oyer	b. Apr 25, 1898	d. Oct 12, 1998
	m: Apr 3, 1962		
	Joel Bachman	b. Aug 5, 1885	d. Nov 22, 1977
10.	Jesse Oyer	b. May 31, 1901	d. Nov 30, 1901
11.	Esther Ruth Oyer	b. Mar 18, 1903	d. Sep 10, 1998
	m: Aug 23, 1942		
	Cyril Eugene Smith	b. Jul 31, 1908	d. Aug 23, 1942

MY GRANDMOTHER'S POETRY

By Russell L. Oyer

My Aunt Elizabeth Beacher Oyer (Aunt Lizzie), wife of Manual Oyer, kept a notebook in which she wrote an introductory statement and then copied two poems. She wrote, "These are verses Manual's mother wrote when a girl one time when at home alone at the age of 16 years."

The poems, apparently written in 1874 and signed by "Katie Zehr," are believed to have been written by my grandmother and Manual Oyer's mother, Katherine Zehr Oyer (2 April 1858 - 14 April 1921). On August 27, 1876, Katherine would marry Christian Oyer (23 May 1852 - 20 May 1929).

Vance Gordon Oyer recently sent the poems to me. One, entitled "Not Knowing," goes like this:

Not Knowing

I know not what shall befall me;
God hangs a mist o'er my eyes,
And at each step in my onward path
He makes me scenes to arise,
And every joy he sends to me
Is a strange and sweet surprise.
O! wistful, blissful ignorance!
It is blessed not to know!
It keeps me still in the arms of God,
Which will not let me go,
And hushes my soul to rest
In the bosom that loves me so.
So I go onward not knowing,
I would not if I might,
I would rather walk
In the dark with God
Than walk alone in the light.
I would rather walk with Him by faith
Than walk alone by sight.

Katie Zehr

I am interested in the nature of the composition assumed to have been written by Katherine Zehr Oyer as a sixteen-year-old. She must have been a rather serious-minded adolescent who had been deeply influenced by the religious and cultural environment into which she was born. Her father was Jacob Zehr, a minister living at Deer Creek, Illinois. It is probable that she would not have completed more than eight grades in school.

First, I was struck by the fact that this youthful writer appears to have been struggling with the idea of the mystery of God and also the uncertainty of life. Second, she expresses the thought that each enjoyable and meaningful experience of her journey is welcomed as a "strange and sweet surprise." Third, Katherine seems to feel that it was good for her to be "ignorant" about God in an ultimate sense and also about the future because this drives her to complete dependence upon the benevolence and charity of God. Fourth, it is very clear that God is intimately involved in her life as "protector" and "guide." Fifth, Katherine is prepared to walk the path of life in confident faith, even though that path is dark and unknown.

Theologically, we could probably quite correctly note that the

religious underpinnings of this poem would be very compatible with a literal biblicism of the type Katherine would likely have heard her father espouse. On the other hand, the language of her poem implies at the outset that God is a mystery. Not only is an understanding of God shrouded by mystery, but also life itself is unpredictable and fickle.

This note of mystery is suggestive of the thinking of Dr. Gordon D. Kaufman of the Harvard Divinity School. Professor Kaufman, who has Mennonite roots, recently appeared on the campus of Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas, the community in which he grew up and the institution where his father was a teacher and administrator. Following are excerpts from a sermon he preached at Bethel College Church Nov. 3, 1996.

Nothing is more sure than that our knowledge is only a small island in a vast sea that has not been traveled. The deepest question for us humans is, which do we love more, the small island of our so-called knowledge or the sea of infinite mystery? It is in terms of that which is beyond our knowing that we must understand ourselves. The mystery we are speaking of here is the kind we can't get our minds around, cannot manage to grasp . . . In our American and European religious traditions the ultimate mystery has usually been given a name, God. God is taken to be beyond all human knowledge and understanding . . . We must move toward a recognition that our destiny is ultimately in God's hands, not ours. That is, it remains a mystery to us . . . Our most profound insights must never be taken as ultimate or final. Everything we know or believe, indeed everything about us, is called into question by the ultimate mystery—God—before which (whom) we seek to bow ourselves.¹

In confronting the mystery of God, Katherine Zehr Oyer is content to accept and to actually revel in and be grateful for the unknowable. Acquiescence and acceptance tend to be compelling forces in solidifying her faith, as she faces an unknown future. This contentment is conveyed in a very personal and "feeling" way as she writes, "It (the mystery) keeps me still in the arms of God, Which will not let me go."

This religious stance recalls the familiar hymn text, "We walk by faith and not by sight." Also, it echoes the much quoted lines from the poem "God Knows" by Louise Haskins: "I said to the man who stood by the Gate of the Year, 'Give me a light to see into the far dark reaches of the unknown.' And he said, 'Put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than a light and safer than a known way.'"

It is my perception that Grandmother Oyer in, at age sixteen, was already describing a dilemma which faces the church in every generation of believers. That dilemma requires some kind of a response from those who seriously seek religious and philosophical truth. One response is to determine to "walk by faith and not by sight," believing that God has "said it all in Jesus," as understood in simplistic terms and through the inerrant Word, so that "knowing" is superfluous and unimportant. Another reaction is to elect to deal with the mystery of God as a "reverent agnostic," which suggests that our most profound and deepest thoughts must never be taken as final and ultimate truth. We must remain open to further revelation and greater, more com-

KATIE ZEHR'S SECOND POEM

The second poem copied by Elizabeth Beacher Oyer into her notebook and believed to have been written by Katherine Zehr Oyer follows. It was written Christmas Day, 1874.

[untitled]

Still to his footstool in prayer we may go,
And ask for a share in his love;
And if we thus earnestly seek him below
We shall see him and hear him above.
There is a [sic] voice that sweetly says
Come little one to me.
I'll hear it in my early days, That I may blessed be
Long since in old Jerusalem,
T'was Jesus children bless'd
He laid his Holy hands on them
And in his arms caressed.
I will kneel down and ask Him still,
To bless me from above
And give me grace to do his will
That I may share his love.

*Katie Zehr age 16 years 8 mon 23 d.
25 Dec 1874*

Christmastime in Katherine Zehr Oyer's later years is preserved in the memory of one of her grandchildren, Clara Oyer Springer. Clara wrote about those and other memories of her grandmother in an undated letter to her cousin, Russell Oyer. Excerpts from that letter follow.

From my birth, February 2, 1909, Grandpa and Grandma Oyer were a part of my life until their death.

... Grandma was a loving person and we all loved her very much. She usually had a full cookie jar in the kitchen until we grandchildren came and emptied it. She and Aunt Elsie enjoyed flowers very much. Behind the house there was a large vegetable garden and in front of

the garden was a bed of all kinds of flowers. It was bordered by blooming chives. Of the many flowers were all colors of Snapdragons. I used to like to go into the garden and make the snapdragons open their mouths. From the road in front, the house was a very picturesque scene. A white house surrounded by red, pink and yellow roses, trumpet vines, and other kinds of flowers - I don't remember all the kinds. There were many shade trees around in the yard. Between the house and the road was a white fence with a gate. On the outside of the fence were all colors of Hollyhocks.

... And there was always a reunion at Grandma's. They had a large table to seat 12 in the dining room, and after the first 12 had eaten their meal, the dishes would be washed and table reset and the next group would sit to eat. There was always enough food. I enjoyed the reunions at Christmastime, but usually at that time it was only the Uncles, Aunts and cousins in that area. After the meal the adults would sit around the table and each family had brought candy, nuts, and goodies which they would spread around the table. Grandpa would be at the head of the table entertaining the group with his stories. We cousins would play games awhile, and then go to the table and have our parents hand us some candy and nuts. There were upside down flatirons and hammers on the table to crack the nuts. After we cousins' hands were full of candy we would go back to our games, so we didn't hear many of the stories Grandpa told. Grandma and Aunt Elsie were good cooks and good hostesses and there was always plenty of food in the kitchen.

Grandma had a nice singing voice and liked to sing the beautiful old hymns while she was in good health. But her health failed while she was quite young and seemingly she went into a deep depression, and she was not happy anymore. No one could cheer her up anymore. She cried so much of the time and continually was singing a meaningless little ditty which always ended sadly, 'Oh, if it had never been so!' (The last in German.) She died at age 68, which now seems young to me.

plete understanding which may be ready to burst forth upon the horizon. That is to say, we can never be so audacious and arrogant as to conclude that we have discovered the "mind of God."

At its core, this dilemma poses a critical problem for all who ponder and reflect on questions about ultimate reality in the space age and in an era of incredible technologic advances and increasing knowledge about the universe. Can we continue our journey wrestling with and engaging those complex questions with open minds and still be "faithful"? Or do we simply strive to muster up the unfailing courage of Katherine Zehr Oyer when she wrote, "I would rather walk with Him by faith Than walk alone by sight." I suspect that in the minds and hearts of our forebears, like in those in every age, there were struggles with the difficult questions of life which were never shared for fear of being considered heretical or of being misunderstood.

And now Grandmother Oyer sleeps with the Anabaptist-Mennonite stalwarts of the faith of bygone years. Her poem

reminds us of life's unanswered questions which continue to pervade our consciousness; it prompts us to stand in awe of the mystery of God. Our heritage bears witness to the fact that we are all travelers on the road together and one by one we fall away. Yet, we are acutely aware that we are bound by not only linkages of blood, genes, and DNA but also the challenges of those cogent, weighty questions and transcendent themes which are so elusive, yet so profound.

Note:

¹Material from Dr. Kaufman's sermon was taken from a tape recording of the sermon obtained by a friend, Dr. D. Paul Miller, who was in the congregation at Bethel College Church the morning it was delivered.

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70th Wedding Anniversary Observed By Michigan Couple on January 15

ALL SEVEN CHILDREN ATTEND OBSERVANCE
OF JOHN P. OYERS, ST. JOHNS

St. Johns, Mich.—Mr. and Mrs. John P. Oyer of St. Johns celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on Sunday, Jan. 15.

John Oyer was born near Peoria, Ill. on Feb. 27, 1858, and Mary Smith Oyer, near Bloomington, Ill. on Dec. 31, 1861. They were married on Jan. 15, 1880, near Gridley, Ill., where they lived the first six years of their mar-

riages. They have two daughters, Phyllis and Elaine, M. and Mrs. Willard Smith and John Paul Oyer, of Goshen, Ind., Mr. Lauren Shank, North Lima, Ohio, and Mr. and Mrs. Le Birkey and daughter June, Lowell, Mich.

Only two of their grandchildren could be present, Mrs. S. Yoder and John Paul Oyer, Goshen. There were also two



Mr. and Mrs. John P. Oyer of St. Johns, Mich. read greeting cards received for their 70th wedding anniversary.

ried life, after which they moved to Woodford county. For 16 years he worked at the carpenter trade, as a contractor, after which he went back to farming. In 1921 they came to St. Johns, Mich. to the place which is their home at the present time.

Son Was College Dean

There were eleven children born to them, three of whom died in infancy, and a son, Noah, dean of Goshen college, who died in 1931. The seven living children, Edward, Daniel, Lydia, Emma, Elmer, Edna and Esther, were all present for this rare occasion.

The relatives who came from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. Ephriam Risser of Hesston, Kan., C. H. Smith (Mrs. Oyer's brother) and daughter, Martha, and Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Oyer, of Eureka, Ill., Elmer J. Oyer of Gibson City, Ill., Mrs. Noah Oyer, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Yoder and

great grandchildren present Phyllis and Elaine Yoder.

Many Gifts, Cards

Mrs. Oyer's 29 nieces and nephews (seven of whom were present) presented them with a glider rocker and ottoman. They received many congratulatory cards and letters, flowers and gifts from relatives, friends and neighbors.

In spite of inclement weather and aside from the 33 relatives and friends who gathered in home for dinner, about one hundred people called in the afternoon to wish them well.

Mrs. Ira Birmingham, of O Mich. baked two large cakes, appropriately decorated, for an anniversary gift. Also, the young women's Sunday school prepared and served refreshments to those who called in afternoon. For these many years of love and friendship, and Mrs. Oyer are truly grateful.

To Celebrate Diamond Year

John P. Oyers Wed in Gridley 75 Years Ago

By HERMA HAMMOND

Pantagraph Reporter in Eureka

EUREKA — (PNS) — Weather permitting, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Oyer of this city will drive to a farmhouse eight miles north of St. Johns, Mich., where, on Jan. 15, Mr. Oyer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John P. Oyer, will celebrate their 75th wedding anniversary.

The elder Oyers were residents of this area until 1921 when they moved to Michigan. They were married at Gridley, in 1880, when Mrs. Oyer, the former Mary Smith, was 18 and John was 21. Here they made a home for the younger members of Mary's family consisting of three brothers and two sisters. They had 11 children of their own, three of which died in infancy. Three daughters and two sons are still living.

MISS LYDIA OYER, 70, who is the oldest daughter and a registered nurse, lives with her parents and cares for them. Also living at home is Edna, the second youngest daughter who teaches school. The youngest daughter, Mrs. Cyril Smith, lives next door to her parents. A son, Elmer, a farmer, lives at Fisher.

Edward, a cabinet maker, lives with his wife at 107 Creamery St., in Eureka. Their daughter, Mrs. Lloyd Noe, also of this city, and her two children, help to make up the total of the Oyer's 17 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. Also living in Eureka is C. R. Smith, a brother of Mrs. Oyer, and Tilman Smith, Superintendent of unit 140, who is a nephew of Mrs. Oyer.

In speaking of his mother, Edward said she has an exceptional memory and can still quote names and dates relating to friends in this area that she knew before moving to Michigan. Her hobby is letter writing and the Oyer family here receives long, newsy, letters from her. Despite her 93 years she is in good health, although somewhat hard of hearing.

HER ADVICE to brides of today she says, "Be more saving. The American people are too extravagant." She adds "they shouldn't marry too young."

Mrs. Oyer has never worn a wedding ring. The couple belongs to the Mennonite faith which disapproves of jewelry.

Mr. Oyer, who is 97, quit farming at the age of 81.

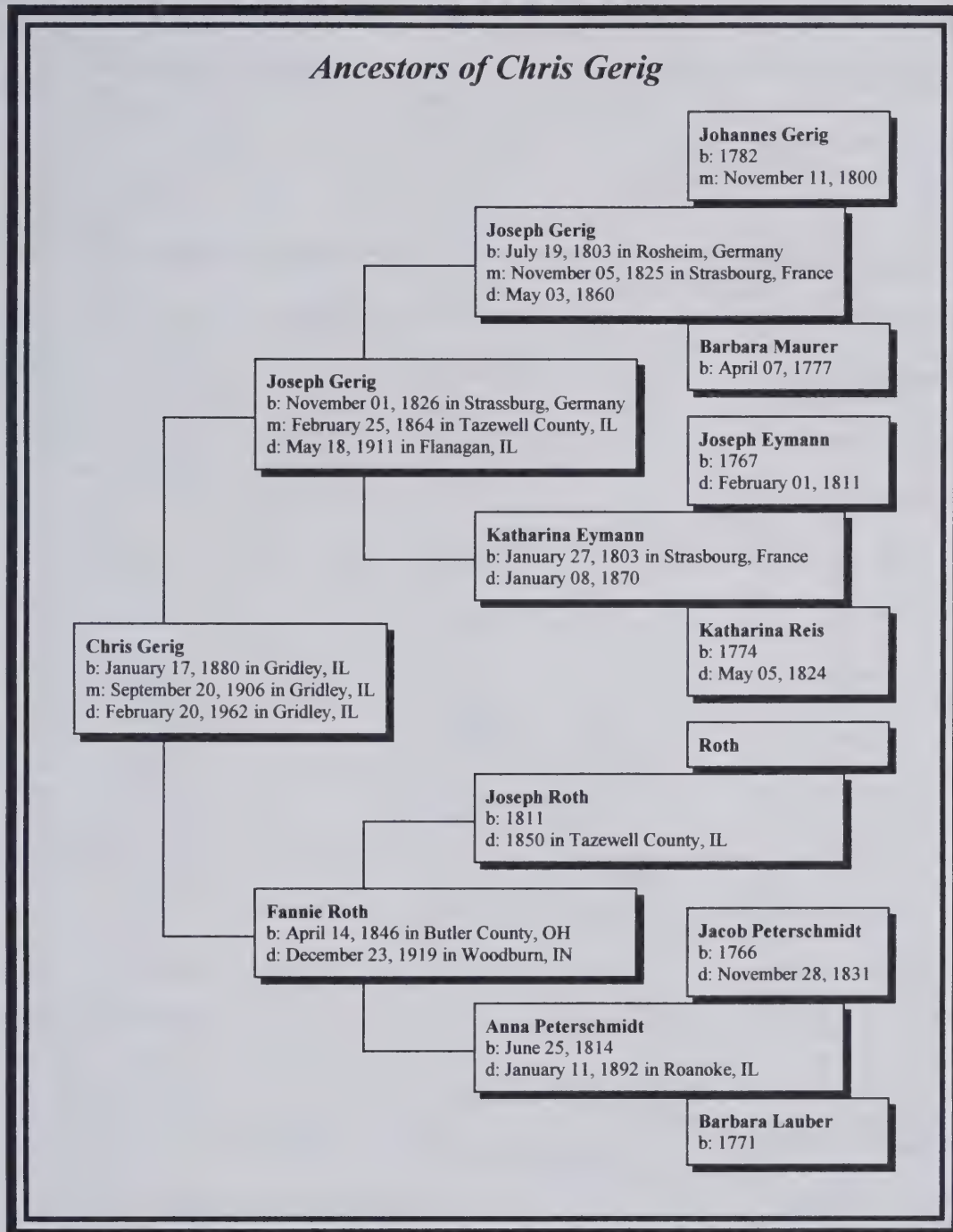
The accompanying picture of Mr. and Mrs. Oyer was taken on their 70th wedding anniversary. Recent snapshots do not show a great deal of change in their appearance—Editor.



Mr. and Mrs. John P. Oyer

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Ancestors of Chris Gerig



THE FAMILY OF JOSEPH & FANNIE (ROTH) GERIG

FANNIE ROTH		b. Apr 14, 1846	d. Dec 23, 1919
	m: Feb 25, 1864		
Joseph Gerig		b. Nov 1, 1826	d. May 18, 1911
1.	Katherine Gerig	b. Feb 3, 1865	d. Oct 10, 1941
	m: Nov 30, 1890		
	Christian Becker	b. Aug 1, 1869	d. Mar 10, 1943
2.	Anna Gerig	b. Mar 23, 1866	d. Mar 26, 1872
3.	Magdalena Gerig	b. Oct 17, 1867	d. Apr 30, 1956
	m: Mar 2, 1890		
	Joel Zimmerman	b. Dec 26, 1862	d. Nov 6, 1940
4.	Joseph M. Gerig	b. Jun 30, 1869	d. May 10, 1954
	m: Apr 19, 1892		
	Mary Zimmerman	b. Jan 16, 1871	d. Jun 21, 1956
5.	Jacob B. Gerig	b. Dec 22, 1872	d. May 26, 1960
	m: Jul 1, 1906		
	Minnie Rediger	b. May 4, 1886	d. Jan 6, 1974
6.	Peter Gerig	b. Jul 23, 1874	d. Sep 18, 1969
	m: Dec 13, 1898		
	Malinda Zimmerman	b. Mar 9, 1879	d. Dec 22, 1962
7.	Mary Gerig	b. Nov 11, 1876	d. Jan 5, 1968
	m:		
	Henry Gerig	b. Sep 7, 1875	d. Nov 18, 1947
8.	John H. Gerig	b. May 11, 1878	d. Dec 9, 1918
	m: Mar 15, 1903		
	Elizabeth Gerig	b. Oct 17, 1882	d. Dec 25, 1946
9.	Chris Gerig	b. Jan 17, 1880	d. Feb 20, 1962
	m: Sep 20, 1906		
	Mary Ann Litwiller	b. Nov 29, 1889	d. Jan 8, 1948
10.	Elizabeth Gerig	b. May 20, 1881	d. Jun 17, 1966
	m: Feb 6, 1918		
	Henry G. Becker	b. Jan 12, 1880	d. Dec 4, 1964
11.	Emma Gerig	b. Sep 22, 1883	d. Nov 1, 1959
12.	Benjamin F. Gerig	b. Jun 25, 1885	d. Sep 16, 1965
	m: Jan 14, 1914 (d)		
	Gesina Joosten	b. Jan 13, 1888	d. Oct 22, 1947
	Benjamin F. Gerig		
	m: Aug 24, 1929		
	Mathilda Fannie Litwiller	b. Jan 17, 1898	d. Aug 20, 1992
13.	Lydia Gerig	b. Sep 4, 1887	d. Oct 15, 1887

Husband: Joseph Gerig

Born: November 01, 1826	in: Strassburg, Germany
Married: February 25, 1864	in: Tazewell County, IL
Died: May 18, 1911	in: Flanagan, IL
Father: Joseph Gerig	
Mother: Katharina Eymann	
Other Spouses:	

Wife: Fannie Roth

Born: April 14, 1846	in: Butler County, OH
Died: December 23, 1919	in: Woodburn, IN
Father: Joseph Roth	
Mother: Anna Peterschmidt	
Other Spouses:	

CHILDREN

Name: Katherine Gerig	
Born: February 03, 1865	in: Waldo Township, IL
Married: November 30, 1890	in:
Died: October 10, 1941	in: Gridley, IL
Spouse: Christian Becker	

Name: Anna Gerig	
Born: March 23, 1866	in: Waldo Township, IL
Married:	in:
Died: March 26, 1872	in: Waldo Township, IL
Spouse:	

Name: Magdalena Gerig	
Born: October 17, 1867	in: Waldo Township, IL
Married: March 02, 1890	in:
Died: April 30, 1956	in: Flanagan, IL
Spouse: Joel Zimmerman	

Name: Joseph M. Gerig	
Born: June 30, 1869	in: Waldo Township, IL
Married: April 19, 1892	in:
Died: May 10, 1954	in: Woodburn, IN
Spouse: Mary Zimmerman	

Name: Jacob B. Gerig	
Born: December 22, 1872	in: Waldo Township, IL
Married: July 01, 1906	in:
Died: May 26, 1960	in: Woodburn, IN
Spouse: Minnie Rediger	

Name: Peter Gerig	
Born: July 23, 1874	in: Waldo Township, IL
Married: December 13, 1898	in:
Died: September 18, 1969	in: Flanagan, IL
Spouse: Malinda Zimmerman	

7 F	Name: Mary Gerig Born: November 11, 1876 Married: Died: January 05, 1968 Spouse: Henry Gerig	in: Waldo Township, IL in: in: Woodburn, IN
8 M	Name: John H. Gerig Born: May 11, 1878 Married: March 15, 1903 Died: December 09, 1918 Spouse: Elizabeth Gerig	in: Waldo Township, IL in: in: Woodburn, IN
9 M	Name: Chris Gerig Born: January 17, 1880 Married: September 20, 1906 Died: February 20, 1962 Spouse: Mary Ann Litwiller	in: Gridley, IL in: Gridley, IL in: Gridley, IL
10 F	Name: Elizabeth Gerig Born: May 20, 1881 Married: February 06, 1918 Died: June 17, 1966 Spouse: Henry G. Becker	in: Waldo Township, IL in: in: Fort Wayne, IN
11 F	Name: Emma Gerig Born: September 22, 1883 Married: Died: December 01, 1959 Spouse:	in: Waldo Township, IL in: in:
12 M	Name: Benjamin F. Gerig Born: June 25, 1885 Married: August 24, 1929 Died: September 16, 1965 Spouses: Gesina Joosten, Mathilda Fanny Litwiller	in: Waldo Township, IL in: in:
13 F	Name: Lydia Gerig Born: September 04, 1887 Married: Died: October 15, 1887 Spouse:	in: Pike Township, IL in: in: Pike Township, IL
14	Name: Born: Married: Died: Spouse:	in: in: in:
15	Name: Born: Married: Died: Spouse:	in: in: in:

Descendants of Joseph Gerig

Generation No. 1

1. **Joseph⁴ Gerig** (Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born November 01, 1826 in Strassburg, Germany, and died May 18, 1911 in Flanagan, IL. He married **Fannie Roth** February 25, 1864 in Tazewell County, IL, daughter of Joseph Roth and Anna Peterschmidt.

Children of Joseph Gerig and Fannie Roth are:

- + 2 i. Katherine⁵ Gerig, born February 03, 1865 in Waldo Township, IL; died October 10, 1941 in Gridley, IL.
- 3 ii. Anna Gerig, born March 23, 1866 in Waldo Township, IL; died March 26, 1872 in Waldo Township, IL.
- + 4 iii. Magdalena Gerig, born October 17, 1867 in Waldo Township, IL; died April 30, 1956 in Flanagan, IL.
- + 5 iv. Joseph M. Gerig, born June 30, 1869 in Waldo Township, IL; died May 10, 1954 in Woodburn, IN.
- + 6 v. Jacob B. Gerig, born December 22, 1872 in Waldo Township, IL; died May 26, 1960 in Woodburn, IN.
- + 7 vi. Peter Gerig, born July 23, 1874 in Waldo Township, IL; died September 18, 1969 in Flanagan, IL.
- + 8 vii. Mary Gerig, born November 11, 1876 in Waldo Township, IL; died January 05, 1968 in Woodburn, IN.
- + 9 viiii. John H. Gerig, born May 11, 1878 in Waldo Township, IL; died December 09, 1918 in Woodburn, IN.
- + 10 ix. Chris Gerig, born January 17, 1880 in Gridley, IL; died February 20, 1962 in Gridley, IL.
- + 11 x. Elizabeth Gerig, born May 20, 1881 in Waldo Township, IL; died June 17, 1966 in Fort Wayne, IN.
- 12 xi. Emma Gerig, born September 22, 1883 in Waldo Township, IL; died December 01, 1959.
- 13 xii. Benjamin F. Gerig, born June 25, 1885 in Waldo Township, IL; died September 16, 1965. He married (1) Gesina Joosten January 14, 1914. He married (2) Mathilda Fanny Litwiller August 24, 1929.
- 14 xiii. Lydia Gerig, born September 04, 1887 in Pike Township, IL; died October 15, 1887 in Pike Township, IL.

Generation No. 2

2. **Katherine⁵ Gerig** (Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born February 03, 1865 in Waldo Township, IL, and died October 10, 1941 in Gridley, IL. She married **Christian Becker** November 30, 1890, son of Andrew Becker and Eva Jorg.

Children of Katherine Gerig and Christian Becker are:

- 15 i. Lydia Fanny⁶ Becker, born January 10, 1892; died October 10, 1918.
- + 16 ii. Aaron Noah Becker, born December 25, 1893; died January 16, 1979.
- + 17 iii. Levi Edward Becker, born May 24, 1898; died September 26, 1950.

4. **Magdalena⁵ Gerig** (Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born October 17, 1867 in Waldo Township, IL, and died April 30, 1956 in Flanagan, IL. She married **Joel Zimmerman** March 02, 1890, son of Jacob Zimmerman and Mary Rinkenberger.

Children of Magdalena Gerig and Joel Zimmerman are:

- + 18 i. Elias Edward⁶ Zimmerman, born February 01, 1891; died April 18, 1980.
- + 19 ii. Ezra Noah Zimmerman, born September 17, 1894; died May 22, 1946.
- + 20 iii. Laura Ella Zimmerman, born September 08, 1896; died November 14, 1958.
- 21 iv. Alma May Zimmerman, born May 14, 1900; died October 27, 1986.
- 22 v. Edna Malinda Zimmerman, born March 26, 1905; died December 08, 1960.

5. **Joseph M.⁵ Gerig** (Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born June 30, 1869 in Waldo Township, IL, and died May 10, 1954 in Woodburn, IN. He married **Mary Zimmerman** April 19, 1892, daughter of John Zimmerman and Magdalena Roth.

Children of Joseph Gerig and Mary Zimmerman are:

- + 23 i. Ella Leah⁶ Gerig, born January 25, 1893; died May 06, 1969.
- + 24 ii. Elmer Ezra Gerig, born June 08, 1895; died March 09, 1977.
- + 25 iii. Clara Esther Gerig, born August 08, 1898; died December 27, 1990.
- + 26 iv. Noah Joel Gerig, born December 15, 1899; died May 08, 1991.

- + 27 v. Daniel Amos Gerig, born February 19, 1902; died October 25, 1981.

6. Jacob B.⁵ Gerig (Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born December 22, 1872 in Waldo Township, IL, and died May 26, 1960 in Woodburn, IN. He married **Minnie Rediger** July 01, 1906, daughter of Jacob Rediger and Magdalena Litwiller.

Children of Jacob Gerig and Minnie Rediger are:

- + 28 i. Gaylord Edwin⁶ Gerig, born June 03, 1915; died October 13, 1992.
- + 29 ii. Alvin Everett Gerig, born September 02, 1917; died January 17, 1984.

7. Peter⁵ Gerig (Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born July 23, 1874 in Waldo Township, IL, and died September 18, 1969 in Flanagan, IL. He married **Malinda Zimmerman** December 13, 1898, daughter of Christian Zimmerman and Catharine Steckley.

Children of Peter Gerig and Malinda Zimmerman are:

- 30 i. Inez Mabel⁶ Gerig, born May 24, 1901; died October 21, 1918.
- 31 ii. Lorena Magdalena Gerig, born October 05, 1905; died August 26, 1990.
- + 32 iii. Sylvia Katherine Gerig, born June 10, 1908.
- 33 iv. Lester Clifford Gerig, born May 23, 1911; died August 01, 1997. He married Mildred Mae Ehresman August 19, 1933.

8. Mary⁵ Gerig (Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born November 11, 1876 in Waldo Township, IL, and died January 05, 1968 in Woodburn, IN. She married **Henry Gerig**, son of John Gerig and Miss Goldsmith.

Child of Mary Gerig and Henry Gerig is:

- + 34 i. Amanda Luella⁶ Gerig, born June 24, 1903; died September 18, 1980.

9. John H.⁵ Gerig (Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born May 11, 1878 in Waldo Township, IL, and died December 09, 1918 in Woodburn, IN. He married **Elizabeth Gerig** March 15, 1903, daughter of Joseph Gerig and Katharina Nofziger.

Children of John Gerig and Elizabeth Gerig are:

- + 35 i. Harry Joseph⁶ Gerig, born July 13, 1910.
- + 36 ii. Mabel Fanny Gerig, born October 01, 1912; died July 15, 1936.

10. Chris⁵ Gerig (Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born January 17, 1880 in Gridley, IL, and died February 20, 1962 in Gridley, IL. He married **Mary Ann Litwiller** September 20, 1906 in Gridley, IL, daughter of David Litwiller and Maria Rediger.

Children of Chris Gerig and Mary Litwiller are:

- + 37 i. Viola Mae⁶ Gerig, born September 10, 1907 in Chenoa, IL; died June 22, 1993 in Meadows, IL.
- + 38 ii. Lillian Bernice Gerig, born April 22, 1912.

11. Elizabeth⁵ Gerig (Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born May 20, 1881 in Waldo Township, IL, and died June 17, 1966 in Fort Wayne, IN. She married **Henry G. Becker** February 06, 1918, son of George Becker and Elisabeth Fischer.

Children of Elizabeth Gerig and Henry Becker are:

- 39 i. Luella Mae⁶ Becker, born December 14, 1918; died December 14, 1918.
- + 40 ii. Wilmer Roy Becker, born January 26, 1920; died November 12, 1968.

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16. Aaron Noah⁶ Becker (Katherine⁵ Gerig, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born December 25, 1893, and died January 16, 1979. He married **Esther Ann Birky** February 21, 1923.

Child of Aaron Becker and Esther Birky is:

- + 41 i. Helen Ruth⁷ Becker, born April 19, 1925; died December 21, 1998.

17. Levi Edward⁶ Becker (Katherine⁵ Gerig, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born May 24, 1898, and died September 26, 1950. He married **Pearl Miller** June 02, 1921.

Children of Levi Becker and Pearl Miller are:

- + 42 i. Doris Jean⁷ Becker, born February 14, 1925.
- + 43 ii. Carolyn Lee Becker, born March 21, 1932.

18. Elias Edward⁶ Zimmerman (Magdalena⁵ Gerig, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born February 01, 1891, and died April 18, 1980. He married **Katherine B. Stucky** September 07, 1918, daughter of Joseph Stucky and Elizabeth Hochstettler.

Children of Elias Zimmerman and Katherine Stucky are:

- + 44 i. Edwin Joseph⁷ Zimmerman, born December 05, 1919.
- + 45 ii. Orville Wilbur Zimmerman, born May 28, 1924; died September 27, 1974.
- 46 iii. Vernon Kenneth Zimmerman, born August 06, 1928; died November 21, 1996. He married (1) Marilyn Ruth Pflederer December 16, 1967. He married (2) Joyce Wiese Parkhill April 1996.

19. Ezra Noah⁶ Zimmerman (Magdalena⁵ Gerig, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born September 17, 1894, and died May 22, 1946. He married **Idella Barbara Staker** June 12, 1919, daughter of Aaron Staker and Kathryn Wagler.

Children of Ezra Zimmerman and Idella Staker are:

- + 47 i. Darlene Kathryn⁷ Zimmerman, born August 28, 1922.
- + 48 ii. Verniel Frances Zimmerman, born November 24, 1924.

20. Laura Ella⁶ Zimmerman (Magdalena⁵ Gerig, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born September 08, 1896, and died November 14, 1958. She married **Peter Stucky** January 21, 1920, son of Christian Stucky and Catherine Stuckey.

Children of Laura Zimmerman and Peter Stucky are:

- + 49 i. Jerald Vernon⁷ Stucky, born October 16, 1921; died July 19, 1998.
- 50 ii. Leland Lale Stucky, born July 08, 1926; died August 10, 1975.
- 51 iii. Delite Magdalene Stucky, born January 15, 1928.

23. Ella Leah⁶ Gerig (Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born January 25, 1893, and died May 06, 1969. She married **Henry Gerig** June 01, 1919, son of John Gerig and Anna Gerig.

Children of Ella Gerig and Henry Gerig are:

- + 52 i. Lester Joseph⁷ Gerig, born March 14, 1924.
- + 53 ii. Annabelle Mae Gerig, born May 11, 1929.

24. Elmer Ezra⁶ Gerig (Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born June 08, 1895, and died March 09, 1977. He married **Mary Ann Steiner** May 15, 1918, daughter of Paul Steiner and Magdalena Gerig.

Children of Elmer Gerig and Mary Steiner are:

- + 54 i. Norman Leon⁷ Gerig, born November 02, 1924.
- + 55 ii. Janice Marceil Gerig, born October 26, 1934.

25. Clara Esther⁶ Gerig (Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born August 08, 1898, and died December 27, 1990. She married **Jesse Andrew Yaggy** January 30, 1918, son of Andrew Yaggy and Lydia Gerig.

Child of Clara Gerig and Jesse Yaggy is:

- + 56 i. Loretta Joan⁷ Yaggy, born December 11, 1931.

26. Noah Joel⁶ Gerig (Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born December 15, 1899,

and died May 08, 1991. He married **Elsie Mae Ehresman** December 28, 1922, daughter of Samuel Ehresman and Fannie Oyer.

Children of Noah Gerig and Elsie Ehresman are:

- + 57 i. Emerald Dale⁷ Gerig, born July 31, 1925.
- + 58 ii. Merle Leon Gerig, born March 22, 1927.
- + 59 iii. Eloise Joan Gerig, born September 06, 1931.

27. Daniel Amos⁶ Gerig (Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born February 19, 1902, and died October 25, 1981. He married (1) **Wanda Berneice Miller** January 23, 1924. He married (2) **Lula Marguerite Gearhart** 1950. He married (3) **Verda C. Reynolds** June 20, 1968.

Children of Daniel Gerig and Wanda Miller are:

- + 60 i. Evelyn Marie⁷ Gerig, born January 10, 1925.
- + 61 ii. Delores Mary Gerig, born November 24, 1927.
- + 62 iii. Cletus LeVon Gerig, born September 19, 1929.
- + 63 iv. Carol Bernice Gerig, born June 05, 1934; died April 27, 1987.
- + 64 v. Karen Sue Gerig, born March 18, 1943.

28. Gaylord Edwin⁶ Gerig (Jacob B.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born June 03, 1915, and died October 13, 1992. He married **Ola Mae Raber** November 24, 1938.

Children of Gaylord Gerig and Ola Raber are:

- + 65 i. Clifford Eugene⁷ Gerig, born June 01, 1939.
- + 66 ii. Kenneth Lee Gerig, born August 08, 1941.
- 67 iii. Theodore Lewis Gerig, born May 13, 1943; died October 03, 1966.
- + 68 iv. Gaylord Leon Gerig, born May 31, 1953.

29. Alvin Everett⁶ Gerig (Jacob B.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born September 02, 1917, and died January 17, 1984. He married **Mildred June Dancer** February 01, 1942.

Children of Alvin Gerig and Mildred Dancer are:

- + 69 i. Rita Nanette⁷ Gerig, born March 18, 1943.
- + 70 ii. Larry Dean Gerig, born August 25, 1945.

32. Sylvia Katherine⁶ Gerig (Peter⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born June 10, 1908. She married **Harry Clarence Knuth** June 13, 1940.

Children of Sylvia Gerig and Harry Knuth are:

- + 71 i. Charlotte Kay⁷ Knuth, born April 11, 1941.
- + 72 ii. Lois Elaine Knuth, born March 26, 1942.

34. Amanda Luella⁶ Gerig (Mary⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born June 24, 1903, and died September 18, 1980. She married **Elmer Alexander Adreon** December 14, 1926.

Children of Amanda Gerig and Elmer Adreon are:

- 73 i. Mary Amanda⁷ Adreon, born May 02, 1929; died December 26, 1988.
- + 74 ii. Ronald Lee Adreon, born July 08, 1943.

35. Harry Joseph⁶ Gerig (John H.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born July 13, 1910. He married **Ida Kathryn Ehresman** March 27, 1932, daughter of Samuel Ehresman and Fannie Oyer.

Children of Harry Gerig and Ida Ehresman are:

- + 75 i. Harold Wayne⁷ Gerig, born February 21, 1935.
- + 76 ii. Ivan Richard Gerig, born September 24, 1940.
- + 77 iii. Jerry Dean Gerig, born May 12, 1942.
- + 78 iv. Donald Alvin Gerig, born July 21, 1944.
- + 79 v. Dennis Melvin Gerig, born July 21, 1944.

36. Mabel Fanny⁶ Gerig (John H.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born October 01, 1912,

and died July 15, 1936. She married **Earl Myron Brown** March 26, 1932.

Children of Mabel Gerig and Earl Brown are:

- + 80 i. Clarence Earl⁷ Brown, born January 30, 1933.
- + 81 ii. Ruth Marie Brown, born May 06, 1934.
- + 82 iii. David Lee Brown, born December 09, 1935.

37. Viola Mae⁶ Gerig (Chris⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born September 10, 1907 in Chenoa, IL, and died June 22, 1993 in Meadows, IL. She married **Elden Wayne Roth** September 15, 1927 in Flanagan, IL, son of Daniel Roth and Barbara Ehresman.

Children of Viola Gerig and Elden Roth are:

- 83 i. Donald Wayne⁷ Roth, born September 28, 1935 in Bloomington, IL. He married Maureen Kay Rupp October 28, 1961 in Archbold, OH.
- + 84 ii. Marilyn Mae Roth, born February 04, 1937 in Bloomington, IL.
- + 85 iii. Margery Lou Roth, born February 20, 1939 in Bloomington, IL.
- + 86 iv. Elden David Roth, born March 07, 1940 in Bloomington, IL.
- + 87 v. Cheryl Ann Roth, born May 23, 1944 in Bloomington, IL.

38. Lillian Bernice⁶ Gerig (Chris⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born April 22, 1912. She married **Ezra Stucky** September 05, 1928, son of Christian Stucky and Catherine Stuckey.

Children of Lillian Gerig and Ezra Stucky are:

- + 88 i. Jean Kathryn⁷ Stucky, born August 04, 1935.
- + 89 ii. Richard Lee Stucky, born May 17, 1940.
- + 90 iii. Roger Carl Stucky, born March 28, 1943.

40. Wilmer Roy⁶ Becker (Elizabeth⁵ Gerig, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born January 26, 1920, and died November 12, 1968. He married **Mary Evans**.

Child of Wilmer Becker and Mary Evans is:

- 91 i. Cynthia Ann⁷ Becker, born September 01, 1946.

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41. Helen Ruth⁷ Becker (Aaron Noah⁶, Katherine⁵ Gerig, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born April 19, 1925, and died December 21, 1998. She married **Bernard Celestial Highland** September 22, 1956.

Children of Helen Becker and Bernard Highland are:

- 92 i. John Mark⁸ Highland, born September 13, 1958.
- + 93 ii. Linda Kaye Highland, born August 27, 1962.

42. Doris Jean⁷ Becker (Levi Edward⁶, Katherine⁵ Gerig, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born February 14, 1925. She married **Robert James Bushelle** September 19, 1945.

Children of Doris Becker and Robert Bushelle are:

- + 94 i. Gregory Keith⁸ Bushelle, born September 10, 1948.
- + 95 ii. Sandra Lee Bushelle, born December 07, 1950.
- + 96 iii. David Allen Bushelle, born October 17, 1953.
- + 97 iv. Donna Dee Bushelle, born December 14, 1958.

43. Carolyn Lee⁷ Becker (Levi Edward⁶, Katherine⁵ Gerig, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born March 21, 1932. She married **Martin Edward Fogarty**.

Children of Carolyn Becker and Martin Fogarty are:

- 98 i. Linda Louise⁸ Fogarty, born June 01, 1954.
- 99 ii. Mark John Fogarty, born April 23, 1956.
- 100 iii. Jeffery Scott Fogarty, born October 15, 1958.

44. Edwin Joseph⁷ Zimmerman (Elias Edward⁶, Magdalena⁵ Gerig, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born December 05, 1919. He married **Lois Eileen Hochstetler** September 09, 1947, daughter of Ervan Hochstetler and Sadie Ackerman.

Children of Edwin Zimmerman and Lois Hochstetler are:

- + 101 i. Phillip Dale⁸ Zimmerman, born February 05, 1950.
- + 102 ii. Lester Ray Zimmerman, born August 18, 1953.
- 103 iii. Esther Kay Zimmerman, born August 18, 1953. She married Jack Dean Alexander August 25, 1990.

45. Orville Wilbur⁷ Zimmerman (Elias Edward⁶, Magdalena⁵ Gerig, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born May 28, 1924, and died September 27, 1974. He married **Juanita Vivian Korta** November 23, 1956.

Children of Orville Zimmerman and Juanita Korta are:

- 104 i. Barbara Lynn⁸ Zimmerman, born September 30, 1959.
- + 105 ii. Carol Ann Zimmerman, born November 05, 1961.

47. Darlene Kathryn⁷ Zimmerman (Ezra Noah⁶, Magdalena⁵ Gerig, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born August 28, 1922. She married **Clarence Dale Jensen** January 21, 1945.

Child of Darlene Zimmerman and Clarence Jensen is:

- + 106 i. Cline Reece⁸ Jensen, born December 03, 1952.

48. Verniel Frances⁷ Zimmerman (Ezra Noah⁶, Magdalena⁵ Gerig, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born November 24, 1924. She married **Paul August Koeller** May 11, 1946.

Children of Verniel Zimmerman and Paul Koeller are:

- + 107 i. Jan Paul⁸ Koeller, born November 22, 1949.
- + 108 ii. Grant Harlan Koeller, born March 09, 1954.

49. Jerald Vernon⁷ Stucky (Laura Ella⁶ Zimmerman, Magdalena⁵ Gerig, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born October 16, 1921, and died July 19, 1998. He married **Betty Jean Block** January 14, 1949.

Child of Jerald Stucky and Betty Block is:

- 109 i. Dallas Jay⁸ Stucky, born May 21, 1953. He married Brenda Lucille Ahrends March 06, 1982.

52. Lester Joseph⁷ Gerig (Ella Leah⁶, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born March 14, 1924. He married **Waneta Inez DeWitte** September 09, 1943.

Children of Lester Gerig and Waneta DeWitte are:

- + 110 i. Lester Joseph⁸ Gerig, born December 08, 1943.
- + 111 ii. Connie Sue Gerig, born September 13, 1945.
- + 112 iii. Dean Allen Gerig, born January 25, 1947.
- + 113 iv. Terry Lee Gerig, born April 02, 1948.
- + 114 v. Gloria Jean Gerig, born June 14, 1951.
- + 115 vi. Randy Joe Gerig, born March 02, 1954.
- + 116 vii. Dennis Lee Gerig, born June 22, 1955.

53. Annabelle Mae⁷ Gerig (Ella Leah⁶, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born May 11, 1929. She married **Robert Wayne Bollier** June 28, 1947.

Children of Annabelle Gerig and Robert Bollier are:

- + 117 i. Nancy Ann⁸ Bollier, born August 21, 1949.
- + 118 ii. William Henry Bollier, born January 16, 1952.
- + 119 iii. Kay Marie Bollier, born April 09, 1957.

54. Norman Leon⁷ Gerig (Elmer Ezra⁶, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born November 02, 1924. He married (1) **Mary Lou Williamson** January 06, 1946. He married (2) **Chris Madden** December 11, 1998.

Children of Norman Gerig and Mary Williamson are:

- + 120 i. Kathleen Ann⁸ Gerig, born October 28, 1949.
- + 121 ii. Gail Lynn Gerig, born March 30, 1953.
- + 122 iii. Michael Wayne Gerig, born August 14, 1956.

55. Janice Marceil⁷ Gerig (Elmer Ezra⁶, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born October 26, 1934. She married **Andrew Delagrange** February 11, 1956.

Child of Janice Gerig and Andrew Delagrange is:

- + 123 i. Penny Sue⁸ Delagrange, born May 13, 1957.

56. Loretta Joan⁷ Yaggy (Clara Esther⁶ Gerig, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born December 11, 1931. She married **Kenneth Charles Fiedler** March 31, 1951.

Children of Loretta Yaggy and Kenneth Fiedler are:

- + 124 i. Keith Allen⁸ Fiedler, born October 19, 1951.
- + 125 ii. Ricky Lynn Fiedler, born December 04, 1953.
- + 126 iii. Michael Duane Fiedler, born January 23, 1955; died March 20, 1996.
- 127 iv. Kevin Brian Fiedler, born August 05, 1965. He married Lisa Brunson August 16, 1987.

57. Emerald Dale⁷ Gerig (Noah Joel⁶, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born July 31, 1925. He married **Gewndolyn Irene Somerville** June 18, 1949 in Morris, PA.

Children of Emerald Gerig and Gewndolyn Somerville are:

- + 128 i. Emily Ann⁸ Gerig, born February 03, 1951.
- + 129 ii. Gregory Lee Gerig, born November 27, 1954.
- + 130 iii. Onalee Irene Gerig, born February 13, 1957.

58. Merle Leon⁷ Gerig (Noah Joel⁶, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born March 22, 1927. He married **Eloise Elizabeth Klaehn** August 09, 1952.

Children of Merle Gerig and Eloise Klaehn are:

- + 131 i. Jacquelyn Sue⁸ Gerig, born January 21, 1954.
- + 132 ii. Dean Leon Gerig, born January 27, 1957.
- + 133 iii. Jill Marie Gerig, born August 28, 1958.
- 134 iv. Denise Louise Gerig, born March 04, 1962. She married Donald Gilbert Ecker, Jr. August 09, 1997.

59. Eloise Joan⁷ Gerig (Noah Joel⁶, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born September 06, 1931. She married **Gerald Edward Thorne** August 25, 1956.

Children of Eloise Gerig and Gerald Thorne are:

- + 135 i. Susan Lynne⁸ Thorne, born August 31, 1958.
- + 136 ii. Michael Curtis Thorne, born March 12, 1963.

60. Evelyn Marie⁷ Gerig (Daniel Amos⁶, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born January 10, 1925. She married **Carl Bernard Klaus** July 29, 1944.

Children of Evelyn Gerig and Carl Klaus are:

- + 137 i. Terry Lee⁸ Klaus, born April 28, 1945.
- + 138 ii. Deanna Marie Klaus, born July 31, 1947.
- + 139 iii. Jannette Louise Klaus, born May 10, 1949.
- 140 iv. Richard Carl Klaus, born September 12, 1951; died September 15, 1951.

61. Delores Mary⁷ Gerig (Daniel Amos⁶, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born November 24, 1927. She married (1) **William Robert Hawk** May 03, 1947. She married (2) **Roger Mack Arthur** June 06, 1975.

Children of Delores Gerig and William Hawk are:

- + 141 i. Robert Joe⁸ Hawk, born May 12, 1948.

- + 142 ii. Dennis Allen Hawk, born May 12, 1949.
- + 143 iii. Jenelle Annette Hawk, born July 19, 1951.
- + 144 iv. Bonita Jane Hawk, born September 14, 1952.
- 145 v. Lynette Dee Hawk, born March 02, 1956. She married Jerry Vincent Gerace July 07, 1984.
- + 146 vi. Keith Stanley Hawk, born September 12, 1962.

62. Cletus LeVon⁷ Gerig (Daniel Amos⁶, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born September 19, 1929. He married **Barbara Josephine Terral** August 20, 1950.

Children of Cletus Gerig and Barbara Terral are:

- + 147 i. Deborah Leigh⁸ Gerig, born October 12, 1955.
- + 148 ii. Jeffrey Brian Gerig, born March 27, 1958.
- + 149 iii. David Clete Gerig, born February 07, 1960.

63. Carol Bernice⁷ Gerig (Daniel Amos⁶, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born June 05, 1934, and died April 27, 1987. She married **David Lee Heffner** October 20, 1952.

Children of Carol Gerig and David Heffner are:

- + 150 i. Michael Lee⁸ Heffner, born December 14, 1953.
- + 151 ii. Julia Bernice Heffner, born July 09, 1956.
- + 152 iii. Russell Dean Heffner, born March 18, 1960.

64. Karen Sue⁷ Gerig (Daniel Amos⁶, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born March 18, 1943. She married **Richard Dean Schaffer** September 23, 1963.

Children of Karen Gerig and Richard Schaffer are:

- 153 i. Frank Alan⁸ Schaffer, born April 18, 1969.
- 154 ii. Michael Scott Schaffer, born March 29, 1971.

65. Clifford Eugene⁷ Gerig (Gaylord Edwin⁶, Jacob B.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born June 01, 1939. He married **Dorothy Jeanette Pankratz** July 14, 1960.

Child of Clifford Gerig and Dorothy Pankratz is:

- + 155 i. Esther Louise⁸ Gerig, born February 27, 1969.

66. Kenneth Lee⁷ Gerig (Gaylord Edwin⁶, Jacob B.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born August 08, 1941. He married **Alta Rose Wolfer** December 27, 1965.

Children of Kenneth Gerig and Alta Wolfer are:

- 156 i. Arlan Kent⁸ Gerig, born November 28, 1966. He married Elizabeth Anne Cipollone December 16, 1995.
- + 157 ii. Galen Lewis Gerig, born April 24, 1969.
- 158 iii. Lynette Rose Gerig, born July 30, 1975. She married Kenneth Clare Lovelace August 23, 1997.

68. Gaylord Leon⁷ Gerig (Gaylord Edwin⁶, Jacob B.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born May 31, 1953. He married **Patricia Rae Fletcher** December 22, 1974.

Children of Gaylord Gerig and Patricia Fletcher are:

- 159 i. Tiffany Rae⁸ Gerig, born October 07, 1977.
- 160 ii. Drew Leon Gerig, born July 05, 1981.
- 161 iii. Adam Leon Gerig, born April 18, 1985.

69. Rita Nanette⁷ Gerig (Alvin Everett⁶, Jacob B.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born March 18, 1943. She married **James Allen Raichart** August 04, 1974.

Child of Rita Gerig and James Raichart is:

- 162 i. Gary James⁸ Raichart, born January 17, 1983.

70. Larry Dean⁷ Gerig (Alvin Everett⁶, Jacob B.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born August 25, 1945. He married **Patsy S. Revert** June 12, 1965.

Children of Larry Gerig and Patsy Revert are:

- 163 i. Michelle Lynn⁸ Gerig, born September 03, 1974.
- 164 ii. Brian Dean Gerig, born October 10, 1976.

71. Charlotte Kay⁷ Knuth (Sylvia Katherine⁶ Gerig, Peter⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born April 11, 1941. She married **Renald Stephen Perillo** August 28, 1965.

Children of Charlotte Knuth and Renald Perillo are:

- 165 i. Stephen Renald⁸ Perillo, born February 20, 1966. He married Lori Snelson July 15, 1989.
- + 166 ii. Christopher Martin Perillo, born August 16, 1968.
- 167 iii. Rebecca Ann Perillo, born June 10, 1974.

72. Lois Elaine⁷ Knuth (Sylvia Katherine⁶ Gerig, Peter⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born March 26, 1942. She married (1) **Norman Edmund Capp** December 08, 1967. She married (2) **Raymond Eugene Sorenson** September 22, 1990.

Child of Lois Knuth and Norman Capp is:

- + 168 i. Catherine Elizabeth⁸ Capp, born April 26, 1973.

74. Ronald Lee⁷ Adreon (Amanda Luella⁶ Gerig, Mary⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born July 08, 1943. He married (1) **Karen Sue Rinard** July 04, 1964. He married (2) **June Marie (Pelkie) Goldy** October 09, 1986.

Children of Ronald Adreon and Karen Rinard are:

- + 169 i. Andrea Sue⁸ Adreon, born October 09, 1965.
- 170 ii. Ronald Lee Adreon, born July 20, 1966.
- + 171 iii. Tracey Lynn Adreon, born March 07, 1969.

75. Harold Wayne⁷ Gerig (Harry Joseph⁶, John H.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born February 21, 1935. He married **Gloria Ellen Basting** February 09, 1954.

Children of Harold Gerig and Gloria Basting are:

- + 172 i. Debbra Kay⁸ Gerig, born March 29, 1955.
- + 173 ii. Jennifer Kay Gerig, born September 30, 1957.
- + 174 iii. Harold George Gerig II, born July 17, 1961.
- 175 iv. Joseph Wayne Gerig, born May 19, 1967.
- + 176 v. Gloria Nellie Rosa Gerig, born December 19, 1970.
- + 177 vi. David Jon Gerig, born September 08, 1973.

76. Ivan Richard⁷ Gerig (Harry Joseph⁶, John H.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born September 24, 1940. He married **Sharon Jean Remenschneider** February 20, 1960.

Children of Ivan Gerig and Sharon Remenschneider are:

- + 178 i. Todd Alan⁸ Gerig, born March 13, 1961.
- + 179 ii. Teri Lynn Gerig, born August 15, 1964.
- + 180 iii. Timothy Jon Gerig, born January 30, 1969.

77. Jerry Dean⁷ Gerig (Harry Joseph⁶, John H.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born May 12, 1942. He married **Christine Carpenter** August 05, 1967.

Children of Jerry Gerig and Christine Carpenter are:

- 181 i. Kathryn Leslie⁸ Gerig, born August 24, 1972. She married Jerry Edward Dobbs May 07, 1996.
- 182 ii. Michelle Eileen Gerig, born September 29, 1975.

78. Donald Alvin⁷ Gerig (Harry Joseph⁶, John H.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born July 21, 1944. He married (1) **Trudy Kay Gerig** March 16, 1963. He married (2) **Shirley Blake** 1977. He married (3) **Patricia Paulette Vinson** November 04, 1985.

Children of Donald Gerig and Trudy Gerig are:

- + 183 i. Joni Renee⁸ Gerig, born April 17, 1964.

- + 184 ii. Amy Beth Gerig, born February 04, 1967.

Child of Donald Gerig and Shirley Blake is:

- 185 i. Steven Ryan⁸ Gerig, born April 08, 1979.

79. Dennis Melvin⁷ Gerig (Harry Joseph⁶, John H.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born July 21, 1944. He married **Patricia Lee Harris** August 14, 1971.

Child of Dennis Gerig and Patricia Harris is:

- 186 i. Lori Marie⁸ Gerig, born August 18, 1977.

80. Clarence Earl⁷ Brown (Mabel Fanny⁶ Gerig, John H.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born January 30, 1933. He married **Evelyn Elizabeth Blanchard** October 29, 1952.

Children of Clarence Brown and Evelyn Blanchard are:

- + 187 i. Dennis Claire⁸ Brown, born October 08, 1953.
- 188 ii. Sherwood Patrick Brown, born March 17, 1958. He married Luanne Petome August 29, 1987.
- + 189 iii. Debra Lynn Brown, born July 01, 1962.

81. Ruth Marie⁷ Brown (Mabel Fanny⁶ Gerig, John H.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born May 06, 1934. She married **Marvin Wesley Rice** October 31, 1953.

Child of Ruth Brown and Marvin Rice is:

- + 190 i. Sandra Lee⁸ Rice, born November 26, 1954.

82. David Lee⁷ Brown (Mabel Fanny⁶ Gerig, John H.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born December 09, 1935. He married **Bettie Marie Nash** June 29, 1957.

Children of David Brown and Bettie Nash are:

- + 191 i. Cheryl Marie⁸ Brown, born December 09, 1958.
- + 192 ii. Diane Lynn Brown, born September 06, 1961.
- + 193 iii. Paul David Brown, born May 08, 1963.
- + 194 iv. Sue Ann Brown, born December 21, 1964.

84. Marilyn Mae⁷ Roth (Viola Mae⁶ Gerig, Chris⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born February 04, 1937 in Bloomington, IL. She married **Richard Lee Oyer** March 25, 1956 in Gridley, IL.

Children of Marilyn Roth and Richard Oyer are:

- 195 i. Brenda Lee⁸ Oyer, born February 20, 1957. She married Mark Lee Birkey August 20, 1995 in Gridley, IL.
- + 196 ii. Linda Mae Oyer, born June 18, 1958.
- + 197 iii. Janet Sue Oyer, born July 04, 1959.
- + 198 iv. Cindy Jo Oyer, born April 08, 1961.

85. Margery Lou⁷ Roth (Viola Mae⁶ Gerig, Chris⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born February 20, 1939 in Bloomington, IL. She married **Roger Kay Frey** August 27, 1960 in Gridley, IL, son of Albert Frey and Elsie Raber.

Children of Margery Roth and Roger Frey are:

- + 199 i. Cary David⁸ Frey, born October 18, 1961.
- 200 ii. Kyle Dean Frey, born April 12, 1963; died September 14, 1995.
- 201 iii. Craig Dallas Frey, born November 01, 1974. He married Kendrea Jean Schroeder September 05, 1998.

86. Elden David⁷ Roth (Viola Mae⁶ Gerig, Chris⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born March 07, 1940 in Bloomington, IL. He married **Judith Evelyn Johnson** September 20, 1969 in Glen Ellyn, IL.

Children of Elden Roth and Judith Johnson are:

- 202 i. Ryan David⁸ Roth, born November 27, 1975.
- 203 ii. Trenton Donn Roth, born August 21, 1977.

87. Cheryl Ann⁷ Roth (Viola Mae⁶ Gerig, Chris⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born May 23, 1944 in Bloomington, IL. She married **Earl Ivan Cecil** July 08, 1967 in Fort Wayne, IN.

Children of Cheryl Roth and Earl Cecil are:

- + 204 i. Angela Beth⁸ Cecil, born June 02, 1970 in Lafayette, IN.
- 205 ii. Aric Nathan Cecil, born August 02, 1972. He married Tiffany Diane Mylott May 31, 1997.
- 206 iii. Andrew Jon Cecil, born May 16, 1978.
- 207 iv. April Joy Cecil, born April 23, 1980.

88. Jean Kathryn⁷ Stucky (Lillian Bernice⁶ Gerig, Chris⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born August 04, 1935. She married **Leon Wayne Folkers** November 06, 1955 in Gridley, IL.

Child of Jean Stucky and Leon Folkers is:

- + 208 i. Jerry Ivan⁸ Velichkoff, born August 10, 1950.

89. Richard Lee⁷ Stucky (Lillian Bernice⁶ Gerig, Chris⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born May 17, 1940. He married **Betty Jane Witzig** June 17, 1962.

Children of Richard Stucky and Betty Witzig are:

- 209 i. Teresa Lynn⁸ Stucky, born June 19, 1963.
- + 210 ii. Julie Ann Stucky, born October 02, 1965.
- 211 iii. Richard Ramond Stucky, born December 05, 1969.
- 212 iv. Patricia Jane Stucky, born March 13, 1972.

90. Roger Carl⁷ Stucky (Lillian Bernice⁶ Gerig, Chris⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born March 28, 1943. He married **Bonita Mae Koerner** December 26, 1965 in Bloomington, IL.

Children of Roger Stucky and Bonita Koerner are:

- 213 i. Christopher David⁸ Stucky, born June 21, 1969. He married Carolyn Louise Robinson June 03, 1995.
- 214 ii. Heather Rebecca Stucky, born February 17, 1975.

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93. Linda Kaye⁸ Highland (Helen Ruth⁷ Becker, Aaron Noah⁶, Katherine⁵ Gerig, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born August 27, 1962. She married **Edward J. Lewis** February 25, 1995.

Children of Linda Highland and Edward Lewis are:

- 215 i. Kayla Ruth⁹ Lewis, born April 04, 1997.
- 216 ii. John Kevin Lewis, born March 19, 1999.

94. Gregory Keith⁸ Bushelle (Doris Jean⁷ Becker, Levi Edward⁶, Katherine⁵ Gerig, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born September 10, 1948. He married **(2) Victoria Ann Rosencrantz** 1996.

Child of Gregory Bushelle is:

- 217 i. Tonya⁹ Farrell, born June 21, 1971.

95. Sandra Lee⁸ Bushelle (Doris Jean⁷ Becker, Levi Edward⁶, Katherine⁵ Gerig, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born December 07, 1950. She married **Bruce Thomas Boulton** September 1978.

Child of Sandra Bushelle and Bruce Boulton is:

- 218 i. Christopher Bruce⁹ Boulton, born August 07, 1979.

96. David Allen⁸ Bushelle (Doris Jean⁷ Becker, Levi Edward⁶, Katherine⁵ Gerig, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born October 17, 1953. He married **Kathleen Weaver** November 1980.

Child of David Bushelle and Kathleen Weaver is:

- 219 i. Ethan David⁹ Bushelle, born August 20, 1981.

97. Donna Dee⁸ Bushelle (Doris Jean⁷ Becker, Levi Edward⁶, Katherine⁵ Gerig, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born December 14, 1958. She married **Gary William Klages** April 28, 1984.

Children of Donna Bushelle and Gary Klages are:

- 220 i. Kyle Ryan⁹ Klages, born September 03, 1986.
- 221 ii. Kimberly Lauren Klages, born April 20, 1988.

101. Phillip Dale⁸ Zimmerman (Edwin Joseph⁷, Elias Edward⁶, Magdalena⁵ Gerig, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born February 05, 1950. He married **Shirlee Jean Hartter** November 18, 1972.

Children of Phillip Zimmerman and Shirlee Hartter are:

- 222 i. Brad Joseph⁹ Zimmerman, born April 22, 1976.
- 223 ii. Scott Phillip Zimmerman, born April 04, 1979.
- 224 iii. Dean Michael Zimmerman, born June 04, 1983.

102. Lester Ray⁸ Zimmerman (Edwin Joseph⁷, Elias Edward⁶, Magdalena⁵ Gerig, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born August 18, 1953. He married **Linda Joy Wittmer** August 12, 1978.

Children of Lester Zimmerman and Linda Wittmer are:

- 225 i. Ryan Jay⁹ Zimmerman, born June 12, 1982.
- 226 ii. Sara Lois Zimmerman, born February 06, 1985.
- 227 iii. Jodi Kay Zimmerman, born July 01, 1986.

105. Carol Ann⁸ Zimmerman (Orville Wilbur⁷, Elias Edward⁶, Magdalena⁵ Gerig, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born November 05, 1961. She married **William Eric Litwiller** August 10, 1991.

Children of Carol Zimmerman and William Litwiller are:

- 228 i. Jacob William⁹ Litwiller, born January 09, 1996.
- 229 ii. Joel Thomas Litwiller, born April 25, 1999.

106. Cline Reece⁸ Jensen (Darlene Kathryn⁷ Zimmerman, Ezra Noah⁶, Magdalena⁵ Gerig, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born December 03, 1952. He married **Elizabeth Ann Hartsock** September 03, 1977.

Children of Cline Jensen and Elizabeth Hartsock are:

- 230 i. Kyleen Nicole⁹ Jensen, born December 05, 1978.
- 231 ii. Rachael Marie Jensen, born June 19, 1980.

107. Jan Paul⁸ Koeller (Verniel Frances⁷ Zimmerman, Ezra Noah⁶, Magdalena⁵ Gerig, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born November 22, 1949. He married (1) **Jo Anne Marie Kennedy** June 18, 1971. He married (2) **Susan Adele Tuttle** June 25, 1982.

Children of Jan Koeller and Jo Kennedy are:

- 232 i. Benjamin August⁹ Koeller, born March 12, 1973.
- 233 ii. Julie Marie Koeller, born May 25, 1976.

Children of Jan Koeller and Susan Tuttle are:

- 234 i. Christopher Charles⁹ Koeller, born June 01, 1983.
- 235 ii. Jennifer Carol Koeller, born September 06, 1986.

108. Grant Harlan⁸ Koeller (Verniel Frances⁷ Zimmerman, Ezra Noah⁶, Magdalena⁵ Gerig, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born March 09, 1954. He married **Cynthia Lee Griner** August 08, 1981.

Children of Grant Koeller and Cynthia Griner are:

- 236 i. Laura Ann⁹ Koeller, born February 19, 1984.
- 237 ii. Steven Paul Koeller, born May 08, 1986.
- 238 iii. Leanne Marie Koeller, born July 03, 1989.

110. Lester Joseph⁸ Gerig (Lester Joseph⁷, Ella Leah⁶, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born December 08, 1943. He married **Vicki Lynn Nern** November 16, 1963.

Children of Lester Gerig and Vicki Nern are:

- + 238 i. Lori Ann⁹ Gerig, born May 13, 1964.
- 239 ii. Mark Allen Gerig, born November 26, 1965. He married Jenny Lynn Durbin May 23, 1992.
- + 240 iii. Robyn Lynn Gerig, born November 14, 1967.
- + 241 iv. Todd Alan Gerig, born April 10, 1971.

111. Connie Sue⁸ Gerig (Lester Joseph⁷, Ella Leah⁶, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born September 13, 1945. She married **Melvin Theodore Downs** April 02, 1966.

Children of Connie Gerig and Melvin Downs are:

- 242 i. Michelle Lee⁹ Downs, born March 09, 1976.
- 243 ii. Bradley Joe Downs, born June 15, 1978.

112. Dean Allen⁸ Gerig (Lester Joseph⁷, Ella Leah⁶, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born January 25, 1947. He married **(1) Diana Lynn Madden** August 14, 1966. He married **(2) Rita Jayne Roe** October 09, 1976. He married **(3) Cheryle Jane Sorg** April 03, 1987.

Children of Dean Gerig and Diana Madden are:

- + 244 i. Denise Renee⁹ Gerig, born July 21, 1967.
- 245 ii. Douglas Allen Gerig, born November 25, 1970.

Children of Dean Gerig and Cheryle Sorg are:

- 246 i. Terry Joseph⁹ Gerig, born December 08, 1988.
- 247 ii. Zachary Allen Gerig, born March 09, 1990.

113. Terry Lee⁸ Gerig (Lester Joseph⁷, Ella Leah⁶, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born April 02, 1948. He married **(1) Gwen Lee Purk** January 27, 1968. He married **(2) Margaret Marie Tolliver** February 16, 1995.

Children of Terry Gerig and Gwen Purk are:

- 248 i. Bobbie Jo⁹ Gerig, born May 15, 1968.
- 249 ii. Terri Lee Gerig, born September 04, 1970. She married Steve Douglas Kortokrax October 09, 1993.

114. Gloria Jean⁸ Gerig (Lester Joseph⁷, Ella Leah⁶, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born June 14, 1951. She married **Orian Donald Clayton** July 10, 1971.

Children of Gloria Gerig and Orian Clayton are:

- 250 i. Jeffery Alan⁹ Clayton, born November 30, 1970. He married Tiffany Elizabeth Fritz July 18, 1998.
- 251 ii. Marc Robert Clayton, born June 17, 1976.
- 252 iii. Michael Orian Clayton, born November 06, 1981.

115. Randy Joe⁸ Gerig (Lester Joseph⁷, Ella Leah⁶, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born March 02, 1954. He married **(1) Rebecca Kaye Hughes** March 02, 1974. He married **(2) Irene Louise Bradtmueller** July 17, 1993.

Children of Randy Gerig and Rebecca Hughes are:

- 253 i. Jason Lee⁹ Gerig, born December 22, 1975. He married Jennifer Gail Dubbins October 18, 1997.
- 254 ii. Amy Jo Gerig, born December 18, 1977.
- + 255 iii. Christine Marie Gerig, born May 21, 1980.

116. Dennis Lee⁸ Gerig (Lester Joseph⁷, Ella Leah⁶, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born June 22, 1955. He married **Merry Anne Meglich** March 27, 1975.

Child of Dennis Gerig and Merry Meglich is:

- + 256 i. Jaime Inez⁹ Gerig, born October 22, 1976.

117. Nancy Ann⁸ Bollier (Annabelle Mae⁷ Gerig, Ella Leah⁶, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born August 21, 1949. She married **(1) David Karl Haberkorn** February 20, 1970. She married **(2) Gary Lynn Meinerding** December 01, 1978.

Children of Nancy Bollier and David Haberkorn are:

- + 257 i. Erik David⁹ Haberkorn, born July 12, 1970.
- 258 ii. Tera Kay Haberkorn, born April 18, 1975.

118. William Henry⁸ Bollier (Annabelle Mae⁷ Gerig, Ella Leah⁶, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born January 16, 1952. He married **Vicki Jo Gerbers** June 09, 1973.

Children of William Bollier and Vicki Gerbers are:

- 259 i. Lindsey Rae⁹ Bollier, born January 07, 1978.
- 260 ii. Sidney Jo Bollier, born August 30, 1981.
- 261 iii. Kasey Kristine Bollier, born November 23, 1986.

119. Kay Marie⁸ Bollier (Annabelle Mae⁷ Gerig, Ella Leah⁶, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born April 09, 1957. She married **Gary Lynn Remenschneider** August 27, 1977.

Children of Kay Bollier and Gary Remenschneider are:

- 262 i. Tiana Marie⁹ Remenschneider, born December 12, 1980.
- 263 ii. Garrett Robert Remenschneider, born January 06, 1984.
- 264 iii. Haley Korine Remenschneider, born September 09, 1987.

120. Kathleen Ann⁸ Gerig (Norman Leon⁷, Elmer Ezra⁶, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born October 28, 1949. She married **Stephen Mark Bowman** March 25, 1972.

Children of Kathleen Gerig and Stephen Bowman are:

- 265 i. Jennifer Ann⁹ Bowman, born September 28, 1977.
- 266 ii. Jill Stephanie Bowman, born December 01, 1979.
- 267 iii. David Mark Bowman, born April 09, 1982.

121. Gail Lynn⁸ Gerig (Norman Leon⁷, Elmer Ezra⁶, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born March 30, 1953. She married **Gregory Dean Bratton** June 15, 1974.

Children of Gail Gerig and Gregory Bratton are:

- 268 i. Matthew Brandon⁹ Bratton, born August 14, 1983.
- 269 ii. Janie Crystal Bratton, born August 01, 1985.

122. Michael Wayne⁸ Gerig (Norman Leon⁷, Elmer Ezra⁶, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born August 14, 1956. He married (1) **Luanne Betz** June 03, 1984. He married (2) **Thoma Lynn Smith** October 25, 1997.

Children of Michael Gerig and Luanne Betz are:

- 270 i. Adam Michael⁹ Gerig, born November 08, 1985.
- 271 ii. Angela Britton Gerig, born November 08, 1985.

123. Penny Sue⁸ Delagrange (Janice Marceil⁷ Gerig, Elmer Ezra⁶, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born May 13, 1957. She married **Stephen Paul Nelson** October 31, 1976.

Children of Penny Delagrange and Stephen Nelson are:

- 272 i. Neil Andrew⁹ Nelson, born April 20, 1990.
- 273 ii. Neicole Marion Nelson, born April 15, 1994.

124. Keith Allen⁸ Fiedler (Loretta Joan⁷ Yaggy, Clara Esther⁶ Gerig, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born October 19, 1951. He married **Jan Latella** November 25, 1978.

Children of Keith Fiedler and Jan Latella are:

- 274 i. Logan Cae⁹ Fiedler, born June 28, 1982.
- 275 ii. Derek Alan Fiedler, born March 05, 1985.

125. Ricky Lynn⁸ Fiedler (Loretta Joan⁷ Yaggy, Clara Esther⁶ Gerig, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born December 04, 1953. He married **Joyce Bruns** October 28, 1972.

Children of Ricky Fiedler and Joyce Bruns are:

- 276 i. Shawn Patrick⁹ Fiedler, born January 02, 1973; died January 31, 1973.
- 277 ii. Autumn Christina Fiedler, born September 30, 1980.

126. Michael Duane⁸ Fiedler (Loretta Joan⁷ Yaggy, Clara Esther⁶ Gerig, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born January 23, 1955, and died March 20, 1996. He married **Deborah Ehle** August 06, 1977.

Children of Michael Fiedler and Deborah Ehle are:

- 278 i. Garth Andrew⁹ Fiedler, born February 08, 1982.
- 279 ii. Dane Edward Fiedler, born October 16, 1984.

128. Emily Ann⁸ Gerig (Emerald Dale⁷, Noah Joel⁶, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born February 03, 1951. She married **David Ellis Skinner** November 06, 1971.

Children of Emily Gerig and David Skinner are:

- 280 i. Matthew David⁹ Skinner, born March 16, 1973.
- 281 ii. Timothy John Skinner, born September 15, 1978.
- 282 iii. Daniel Paul Skinner, born February 18, 1980.

129. Gregory Lee⁸ Gerig (Emerald Dale⁷, Noah Joel⁶, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born November 27, 1954. He married **Patricia Lengacher** June 18, 1977.

Children of Gregory Gerig and Patricia Lengacher are:

- 283 i. Jessica Lee⁹ Gerig, born October 06, 1984.
- 284 ii. Noah Joel Gerig II, born May 09, 1986.

130. Onalee Irene⁸ Gerig (Emerald Dale⁷, Noah Joel⁶, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born February 13, 1957. She married **Kevin Michael Giggy** August 04, 1979.

Children of Onalee Gerig and Kevin Giggy are:

- 285 i. Darrin Michael⁹ Giggy, born May 08, 1986.
- 286 ii. Rachelle Elizabeth Giggy, born August 19, 1989.

131. Jacquelyn Sue⁸ Gerig (Merle Leon⁷, Noah Joel⁶, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born January 21, 1954. She married **Ronald Edward Bandelier** January 13, 1973.

Children of Jacquelyn Gerig and Ronald Bandelier are:

- + 287 i. Alisa Michele⁹ Bandelier, born July 11, 1973.
- 288 ii. Sean Michael Bandelier, born September 21, 1977. He married Brandie Lee Christman October 16, 1998.

132. Dean Leon⁸ Gerig (Merle Leon⁷, Noah Joel⁶, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born January 27, 1957. He married **Linda Kay Schleiser** August 13, 1977.

Children of Dean Gerig and Linda Schleiser are:

- 289 i. Tyler Leon⁹ Gerig, born June 09, 1982.
- 290 ii. Brady Christopher Gerig, born September 16, 1985.
- 291 iii. Shaina Nicole Gerig, born September 16, 1987.
- 292 iv. Cody Austin Gerig, born January 18, 1992.
- 293 v. Dylan Lucas Gerig, born February 28, 1997.

133. Jill Marie⁸ Gerig (Merle Leon⁷, Noah Joel⁶, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born August 28, 1958. She married **Neil Fredrick Richter** November 02, 1985.

Children of Jill Gerig and Neil Richter are:

- 294 i. Andrew Wayne⁹ Richter, born December 28, 1989.
- 295 ii. Kelli Marie Richter, born April 16, 1993.

135. Susan Lynne⁸ Thorne (Eloise Joan⁷ Gerig, Noah Joel⁶, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes²,

Johannes¹) was born August 31, 1958. She married **Brian Wyndham Pottle** July 27, 1985.

Children of Susan Thorne and Brian Pottle are:

- 296 i. Casey Lyn⁹ Pottle, born June 28, 1989.
- 297 ii. Cara Grace Pottle, born July 04, 1993.
- 298 iii. Haley Michelle Pottle, born February 15, 1996.
- 299 iv. Joanne Wyndham Pottle, born February 15, 1996.

136. Michael Curtis⁸ Thorne (Eloise Joan⁷ Gerig, Noah Joel⁶, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born March 12, 1963. He married **Julia Elizabeth Little** May 28, 1988.

Children of Michael Thorne and Julia Little are:

- 300 i. James Michael⁹ Thorne, born May 08, 1992.
- 301 ii. Cynthia Joy Thorne, born January 11, 1994.
- 302 iii. Elizabeth Hope Thorne, born November 12, 1996.

137. Terry Lee⁸ Klaus (Evelyn Marie⁷ Gerig, Daniel Amos⁶, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born April 28, 1945. He married **(1) Cheryl Maxine Fudge** September 10, 1966. He married **(2) Joy Elizabeth Williamson** October 23, 1971.

Child of Terry Klaus and Cheryl Fudge is:

- 303 i. Stacey Lyn⁹ Klaus, born March 18, 1967. She married Douglas Carter Pickford December 23, 1989.

Children of Terry Klaus and Joy Williamson are:

- 304 i. Randy James⁹ Klaus, born July 06, 1960. He married Michelle Ann Wayland June 16, 1991.
- + 305 ii. Brian Kacey Klaus, born December 22, 1962.

138. Deanna Marie⁸ Klaus (Evelyn Marie⁷ Gerig, Daniel Amos⁶, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born July 31, 1947. She married **(1) John Wayne Wilson** September 09, 1967. She married **(2) David Michael Gardner** March 19, 1976.

Child of Deanna Klaus and John Wilson is:

- + 306 i. Denise Marie⁹ Wilson, born January 01, 1969.

Child of Deanna Klaus and David Gardner is:

- 307 i. Jason Michael⁹ Gardner, born June 21, 1977.

139. Jannette Louise⁸ Klaus (Evelyn Marie⁷ Gerig, Daniel Amos⁶, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born May 10, 1949. She married **Anthony Richard Kozitza** January 25, 1969.

Children of Jannette Klaus and Anthony Kozitza are:

- + 308 i. Rachael Marie⁹ Kozitza, born August 24, 1971.
- 309 ii. Ryan Anthony Kozitza, born December 01, 1974.
- 310 iii. Justin Wade Kozitza, born April 18, 1976.

141. Robert Joe⁸ Hawk (Delores Mary⁷ Gerig, Daniel Amos⁶, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born May 12, 1948. He married **Cindy Lou Chandler** December 01, 1970.

Children of Robert Hawk and Cindy Chandler are:

- 311 i. Robert Lane⁹ Hawk, born August 21, 1969.
- 312 ii. William Russell Hawk, born October 22, 1971.
- 313 iii. Andrew Jacob Hawk, born October 13, 1978. He married Clesa Marie Bannerman February 07, 1998.

142. Dennis Allen⁸ Hawk (Delores Mary⁷ Gerig, Daniel Amos⁶, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born May 12, 1949. He married **(1) Sharon Colleen Frank** June 1967. He married **(2) Patricia Ann Roadruck** December 22, 1973.

Child of Dennis Hawk and Sharon Frank is:

- + 314 i. Brian Russell⁹ Hawk, born February 26, 1968.

143. Jenelle Annette⁸ Hawk (Delores Mary⁷ Gerig, Daniel Amos⁶, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born July 19, 1951. She married **Jacob Charles Griesinger** March 05, 1977.

Children of Jenelle Hawk and Jacob Griesinger are:

- 315 i. Janeen Marie⁹ Griesinger, born July 25, 1979.
- 316 ii. Jacob Keith Griesinger, born March 28, 1981.

144. Bonita Jane⁸ Hawk (Delores Mary⁷ Gerig, Daniel Amos⁶, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born September 14, 1952. She married (1) **Russell Anthony Brown** September 29, 1973. She married (2) **Michael Everett Lenhart** June 16, 1984.

Children of Bonita Hawk and Russell Brown are:

- + 317 i. Jessica Lynne⁹ Brown, born June 29, 1975.
- 318 ii. Jennifer Elaine Brown, born March 28, 1978.
- 319 iii. Andrea Jane Brown, born September 03, 1979.

146. Keith Stanley⁸ Hawk (Delores Mary⁷ Gerig, Daniel Amos⁶, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born September 12, 1962. He married **Daphne Jayne Hay** December 26, 1992.

Child of Keith Hawk and Daphne Hay is:

- 320 i. Haylie Anne⁹ Hawk, born December 19, 1994.

147. Deborah Leigh⁸ Gerig (Cletus LeVon⁷, Daniel Amos⁶, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born October 12, 1955. She married (1) **John T. Griffiths**. She married (2) **Marland L. Whaley** December 18, 1981.

Child of Deborah Gerig and John Griffiths is:

- + 321 i. Daniel Scott⁹ Griffiths, born October 18, 1976.

Children of Deborah Gerig and Marland Whaley are:

- 322 i. Kendra Leigh⁹ Whaley, born January 07, 1984.
- 323 ii. Kiah Jo Whaley, born July 17, 1986.

148. Jeffrey Brian⁸ Gerig (Cletus LeVon⁷, Daniel Amos⁶, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born March 27, 1958. He married (1) **Marcia Loftus** April 07, 1979. He married (2) **Patricia Jo** February 24, 1994.

Children of Jeffrey Gerig and Marcia Loftus are:

- 324 i. Brandon Jake⁹ Gerig, born August 22, 1984.
- 325 ii. Megan Gerig.
- 326 iii. Christopher Gerig.

Children of Jeffrey Gerig and Patricia Jo are:

- 327 i. Megan⁹ Gerig, born July 20, 1989.
- 328 ii. Christopher Gerig, born October 08, 1993.

149. David Clete⁸ Gerig (Cletus LeVon⁷, Daniel Amos⁶, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born February 07, 1960. He married **Cynthia Richardson** April 07, 1986.

Children of David Gerig and Cynthia Richardson are:

- 329 i. David Raymond⁹ Gerig, born March 13, 1985.
- 330 ii. Johanna Lee Gerig, born March 22, 1988.
- 331 iii. Jessseca Lee Gerig, born May 07, 1991.
- 332 iv. Jaiden Lee Gerig, born February 26, 1995.

150. Michael Lee⁸ Heffner (Carol Bernice⁷ Gerig, Daniel Amos⁶, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born December 14, 1953. He married (1) **Velma Lyn Murphy** March 18, 1973. He married (2) **Janie Kay Larson** February 25, 1991.

Children of Michael Heffner and Janie Larson are:

- 333 i. Dustin Michael⁹ Heffner, born May 13, 1992.
- 334 ii. Zachary David Heffner, born November 03, 1995.

151. Julia Bernice⁸ Heffner (Carol Bernice⁷ Gerig, Daniel Amos⁶, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born July 09, 1956. She married **(2) Michael Mohrhauser** July 03, 1975. She married **(3) Damon Brasswell** May 21, 1993.

Child of Julia Heffner is:

- 335 i. Matthew Aaron⁹ Rodriguez, born May 09, 1990.

Child of Julia Heffner and Michael Mohrhauser is:

- + 336 i. Christina Bernice⁹ Mohrhauser, born May 13, 1976.

Child of Julia Heffner and Damon Brasswell is:

- 337 i. Lindsey⁹ Brasswell, born May 27, 1996.

152. Russell Dean⁸ Heffner (Carol Bernice⁷ Gerig, Daniel Amos⁶, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born March 18, 1960. He married **Davene Marches** May 13, 1989.

Children of Russell Heffner and Davene Marches are:

- 338 i. Jackie Nichole⁹ Heffner, born April 17, 1987.
- 339 ii. Carolyn Suzanne Heffner, born March 22, 1990.
- 340 iii. Laura Christine Heffner, born February 24, 1993.

155. Esther Louise⁸ Gerig (Clifford Eugene⁷, Gaylord Edwin⁶, Jacob B.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born February 27, 1969. She married **Thomas Alan Dangerfield** April 10, 1998.

Children of Esther Gerig and Thomas Dangerfield are:

- 341 i. Mary Katherine⁹ Dangerfield, born October 29, 1996.
- 342 ii. Jacob Montana Dangerfield, born April 17, 1998.

157. Galen Lewis⁸ Gerig (Kenneth Lee⁷, Gaylord Edwin⁶, Jacob B.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born April 24, 1969. He married **Tamara Patricia Walter** July 16, 1994.

Child of Galen Gerig and Tamara Walter is:

- 343 i. Ryan Lewis⁹ Gerig, born February 18, 1997.

166. Christopher Martin⁸ Perillo (Charlotte Kay⁷ Knuth, Sylvia Katherine⁶ Gerig, Peter⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born August 16, 1968. He married **(1) Raquel Valadez** May 25, 1991. He married **(2) Eileen Marie Corrigan** March 22, 1997.

Child of Christopher Perillo and Eileen Corrigan is:

- 344 i. AndrewScott⁹ Perillo, born August 02, 1998.

168. Catherine Elizabeth⁸ Capp (Lois Elaine⁷ Knuth, Sylvia Katherine⁶ Gerig, Peter⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born April 26, 1973.

Child of Catherine Capp is:

- 345 i. Anthony Michael⁹ Capp, born May 02, 1990.

169. Andrea Sue⁸ Adreon (Ronald Lee⁷, Amanda Luella⁶ Gerig, Mary⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born October 09, 1965. She married **Carl Louis Burns** March 23, 1991.

Children of Andrea Adreon and Carl Burns are:

- 346 i. Patrick Louis⁹ Burns, born January 23, 1992.
- 347 ii. Katilyn Marie Burns, born October 15, 1997.

171. Tracey Lynn⁸ Adreon (Ronald Lee⁷, Amanda Luella⁶ Gerig, Mary⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes²,

Johannes¹) was born March 07, 1969. She married (1) **James Martin Amstutz** July 15, 1984. She married (2) **Daniel Scheerer** December 18, 1995.

Child of Tracey Adreon and James Amstutz is:

348 i. Ranae Marie⁹ Amstutz, born August 05, 1984.

172. Debbra Kay⁸ Gerig (Harold Wayne⁷, Harry Joseph⁶, John H.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born March 29, 1955. She married **Victor Cedric Potts** June 02, 1973.

Children of Debbra Gerig and Victor Potts are:

- + 349 i. Angela Kay⁹ Potts, born February 02, 1974.
- + 350 ii. Alisha Marie Potts, born October 26, 1976.
- 351 iii. Amanda Joy Potts, born January 01, 1982.

173. Jennifer Kay⁸ Gerig (Harold Wayne⁷, Harry Joseph⁶, John H.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born September 30, 1957. She married **Gordon Lynn Colson** February 01, 1975.

Children of Jennifer Gerig and Gordon Colson are:

- 352 i. Corrie Ellen⁹ Colson, born January 29, 1976.
- 353 ii. Renee Grace Colson, born October 16, 1978.
- 354 iii. Seth Gerig Colson, born June 20, 1980.
- 355 iv. Alexander Paul Colson, born August 24, 1990; died August 24, 1990.

174. Harold George⁸ Gerig II (Harold Wayne⁷, Harry Joseph⁶, John H.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born July 17, 1961. He married **Monna Jean Gessner** November 23, 1982.

Children of Harold Gerig and Monna Gessner are:

- 356 i. Emily Jean⁹ Gerig, born September 21, 1989.
- 357 ii. Harold Andrew Gerig III, born June 19, 1991.

176. Gloria Nellie Rosa⁸ Gerig (Harold Wayne⁷, Harry Joseph⁶, John H.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born December 19, 1970. She married **Christopher Andrew Birkenbeul** January 29, 1994.

Children of Gloria Gerig and Christopher Birkenbeul are:

- 358 i. Jackson Robert⁹ Birkenbeul, born September 07, 1995.
- 359 ii. Alexis Grace Birkenbeul, born July 12, 1998.

177. David Jon⁸ Gerig (Harold Wayne⁷, Harry Joseph⁶, John H.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born September 08, 1973. He married **Stephanie Marie Leu** February 25, 1995.

Children of David Gerig and Stephanie Leu are:

- 360 i. Tyler Jon⁹ Gerig, born July 04, 1995.
- 361 ii. Brooke Anne Gerig, born June 02, 1997.

178. Todd Alan⁸ Gerig (Ivan Richard⁷, Harry Joseph⁶, John H.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born March 13, 1961. He married **Faith Renae Gardner** May 19, 1984.

Children of Todd Gerig and Faith Gardner are:

- 362 i. Brittany Lynn⁹ Gerig, born June 15, 1987.
- 363 ii. Alexis Renae Gerig, born September 07, 1988.
- 364 iii. Dylan Todd Gerig, born April 17, 1994.
- 365 iv. Anthony Richard Gerig, born August 10, 1995.

179. Teri Lynn⁸ Gerig (Ivan Richard⁷, Harry Joseph⁶, John H.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born August 15, 1964. She married **Craig Alan Fox** October 17, 1987.

Children of Teri Gerig and Craig Fox are:

- 366 i. Benjamin Jeffrey⁹ Fox, born October 11, 1993.
- 367 ii. Bryce Mitchell Fox, born June 29, 1998.

180. Timothy Jon⁸ Gerig (Ivan Richard⁷, Harry Joseph⁶, John H.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born January 30, 1969. He married **Susan Elizabeth Olwine** July 22, 1989.

Children of Timothy Gerig and Susan Olwine are:

- 368 i. Kristen Elizabeth⁹ Gerig, born September 22, 1992.
- 369 ii. Morgan Nicolle Gerig, born July 05, 1995.
- 370 iii. Joshua Timothy Gerig, born August 20, 1998.

183. Joni Renee⁸ Gerig (Donald Alvin⁷, Harry Joseph⁶, John H.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born April 17, 1964. She married (1) **Michael Wayne Jansing** July 31, 1982. She married (2) **Richard Louis Kline** July 15, 1989.

Children of Joni Gerig and Michael Jansing are:

- 371 i. Justin Michael⁹ Jansing, born December 21, 1982.
- 372 ii. Courtney Renee Jansing, born August 05, 1984.

Children of Joni Gerig and Richard Kline are:

- 373 i. Noelle Elizabeth⁹ Kline, born December 15, 1990.
- 374 ii. Kasey Morgan Kline, born June 06, 1996.

184. Amy Beth⁸ Gerig (Donald Alvin⁷, Harry Joseph⁶, John H.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born February 04, 1967. She married **Mark Shinzo Kittaka** June 25, 1989.

Children of Amy Gerig and Mark Kittaka are:

- 375 i. Zachary Tyler⁹ Kittaka, born February 22, 1994.
- 376 ii. Abbey Kay Kittaka, born June 04, 1996.

187. Dennis Claire⁸ Brown (Clarence Earl⁷, Mabel Fanny⁶ Gerig, John H.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born October 08, 1953. He married **Marsha Marie Sargent** October 26, 1975.

Children of Dennis Brown and Marsha Sargent are:

- 377 i. Scott Andrew⁹ Brown, born January 22, 1976.
- 378 ii. Timothy Patrick Brown, born October 05, 1980.

189. Debra Lynn⁸ Brown (Clarence Earl⁷, Mabel Fanny⁶ Gerig, John H.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born July 01, 1962. She married **David John Grofuert** June 02, 1984.

Children of Debra Brown and David Grofuert are:

- 379 i. Jennifer Lynn⁹ Grofuert, born June 04, 1992.
- 380 ii. John Paul Grofuert, born January 30, 1995.

190. Sandra Lee⁸ Rice (Ruth Marie⁷ Brown, Mabel Fanny⁶ Gerig, John H.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born November 26, 1954. She married **David Allen Adkins** February 14, 1986.

Children of Sandra Rice and David Adkins are:

- 381 i. Christine Lynette⁹ Adkins, born November 11, 1988.
- 382 ii. Paul Christopher Adkins, born June 24, 1993.

191. Cheryl Marie⁸ Brown (David Lee⁷, Mabel Fanny⁶ Gerig, John H.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born December 09, 1958.

Child of Cheryl Brown is:

- 383 i. Dylan John⁹ Brown, born January 22, 1994.

192. Diane Lynn⁸ Brown (David Lee⁷, Mabel Fanny⁶ Gerig, John H.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born September 06, 1961. She married (1) **Rodney Leroy Snyder** May 10, 1981. She married (2) **Dean Jay Heemseth** June 18, 1994.

Children of Diane Brown and Rodney Snyder are:

- 384 i. Tiffany Lynn⁹ Snyder, born September 07, 1984.
- 385 ii. Nicholas Lyle Snyder, born July 13, 1987.

Child of Diane Brown and Dean Heemseth is:

- 386 i. Lindsay Marie⁹ Heemseth, born November 21, 1994.

193. Paul David⁸ Brown (David Lee⁷, Mabel Fanny⁶ Gerig, John H.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born May 08, 1963. He married **Victoria Rocha**.

Children of Paul Brown and Victoria Rocha are:

- 387 i. Jeremy Lee⁹ Brown, born December 31, 1984.
- 388 ii. Kimberly Sue Brown, born August 23, 1986.
- 389 iii. Justin James Brown, born February 02, 1988.
- 390 iv. Brandon Lee Brown, born December 23, 1997.

194. Sue Ann⁸ Brown (David Lee⁷, Mabel Fanny⁶ Gerig, John H.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born December 21, 1964. She married **Adrean James Coopsen** March 26, 1991.

Children of Sue Brown and Adrean Coopsen are:

- 391 i. Courtney Sue⁹ Coopsen, born December 29, 1992.
- 392 ii. Amber Christine Coopsen, born January 21, 1994; died January 21, 1994.
- 393 iii. Valarie Marie Coopsen, born January 27, 1995.
- 394 iv. Hannah Christine Coopsen, born June 10, 1997.

196. Linda Mae⁸ Oyer (Marilyn Mae⁷ Roth, Viola Mae⁶ Gerig, Chris⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born June 18, 1958. She married **John Chong Hoon Chae** April 22, 1989 in Gridley, IL.

Children of Linda Oyer and John Chae are:

- 395 i. Justin John⁹ Chae, born March 13, 1992.
- 396 ii. Ryan Christopher Chae, born January 30, 1994.

197. Janet Sue⁸ Oyer (Marilyn Mae⁷ Roth, Viola Mae⁶ Gerig, Chris⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born July 04, 1959. She married **Curtis Michael Cartolano** October 11, 1986 in Gridley, IL.

Children of Janet Oyer and Curtis Cartolano are:

- 397 i. Melinda Sue⁹ Cartolano, born March 05, 1991.
- 398 ii. David Michael Cartolano, born September 27, 1994.

198. Cindy Jo⁸ Oyer (Marilyn Mae⁷ Roth, Viola Mae⁶ Gerig, Chris⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born April 08, 1961. She married **Michael Andrew Heiniger** June 20, 1987 in Gridley, IL.

Children of Cindy Oyer and Michael Heiniger are:

- 399 i. Andrew Michael⁹ Heiniger, born May 27, 1990.
- 400 ii. Kara Nicole Heiniger, born May 19, 1992.
- 401 iii. Megan Jo Heiniger, born July 11, 1994.

199. Cary David⁸ Frey (Margery Lou⁷ Roth, Viola Mae⁶ Gerig, Chris⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born October 18, 1961. He married **Kimberly Ann Hartke** July 30, 1988 in Normal, IL.

Child of Cary Frey and Kimberly Hartke is:

- 402 i. Tanner David⁹ Frey, born October 01, 1991.

204. Angela Beth⁸ Cecil (Cheryl Ann⁷ Roth, Viola Mae⁶ Gerig, Chris⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born June 02, 1970 in Lafayette, IN. She married **Andrew James Isbell** August 21, 1992 in Morton, IL.

Children of Angela Cecil and Andrew Isbell are:

- 403 i. Alexander James⁹ Isbell, born January 08, 1996.
- 404 ii. Adria Beth Isbell, born August 17, 1997.

208. Jerry Ivan⁸ Velichkoff (Jean Kathryn⁷ Stucky, Lillian Bernice⁶ Gerig, Chris⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born August 10, 1950. He married **Sandra Lee Keith** August 21, 1971.

Children of Jerry Velichkoff and Sandra Keith are:

- 405 i. Jeremy Shawn⁹ Velichkoff, born May 04, 1974. He married Delinda Jane Calderini June 10, 1996.
- 406 ii. Kimberly Joy Velichkoff, born March 27, 1978.

210. Julie Ann⁸ Stucky (Richard Lee⁷, Lillian Bernice⁶ Gerig, Chris⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born October 02, 1965. She married **Jeffrey John Babecki** February 23, 1990.

Children of Julie Stucky and Jeffrey Babecki are:

- 407 i. Allyssa Elaine⁹ Babecki, born May 29, 1990.
- 408 ii. Amber Marie Babecki, born July 29, 1995.

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238. Lori Ann⁹ Gerig (Lester Joseph⁸, Lester Joseph⁷, Ella Leah⁶, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born May 13, 1964. She married **Brian Lee Chronster** April 09, 1988.

Children of Lori Gerig and Brian Chronster are:

- 409 i. Aaron Paul¹⁰ Chronster, born August 29, 1991.
- 410 ii. Matthew Brian Chronster, born June 06, 1994.
- 411 iii. Kyle Brandon Chronster, born August 19, 1998.

240. Robyn Lynn⁹ Gerig (Lester Joseph⁸, Lester Joseph⁷, Ella Leah⁶, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born November 14, 1967. She married **Richard Loren Miller** May 10, 1984.

Children of Robyn Gerig and Richard Miller are:

- 412 i. Ryan Christopher¹⁰ Miller, born December 19, 1983.
- 413 ii. Adam Trent Miller, born October 20, 1985.

241. Todd Alan⁹ Gerig (Lester Joseph⁸, Lester Joseph⁷, Ella Leah⁶, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born April 10, 1971. He married **Julie Ann Gilbert** July 29, 1989.

Children of Todd Gerig and Julie Gilbert are:

- 414 i. Todd Alan¹⁰ Gerig, born April 30, 1990.
- 415 ii. Katie Lynn Gerig, born January 22, 1993; died September 22, 1993.
- 416 iii. Brook Nicole Gerig, born November 17, 1994.

244. Denise Renee⁹ Gerig (Dean Allen⁸, Lester Joseph⁷, Ella Leah⁶, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born July 21, 1967. She married **Paul Alan Northup** August 18, 1989.

Children of Denise Gerig and Paul Northup are:

- 417 i. Tiffany Renee¹⁰ Northup, born September 08, 1989.
- 418 ii. Austin Paul Northup, born January 26, 1996.

255. Christine Marie⁹ Gerig (Randy Joe⁸, Lester Joseph⁷, Ella Leah⁶, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born May 21, 1980. She married **Aaron Wayne Abbott** September 18, 1999.

Child of Christine Gerig and Aaron Abbott is:

- 419 i. Lia Marie¹⁰ Gerig, born April 02, 1998.

256. Jaime Inez⁹ Gerig (Dennis Lee⁸, Lester Joseph⁷, Ella Leah⁶, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born October 22, 1976. She married **Dan Robert Kuhn** June 19, 1997.

Child of Jaime Gerig and Dan Kuhn is:

- 420 i. Hannah Nicole¹⁰ Kuhn, born November 13, 1997.

257. Erik David⁹ Haberkorn (Nancy Ann⁸ Bollier, Annabelle Mae⁷ Gerig, Ella Leah⁶, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born July 12, 1970. He married **Lisa Kay Hicks** April 30, 1994.

Child of Erik Haberkorn and Lisa Hicks is:

421 i. Treg David¹⁰ Haberkorn, born April 24, 1995.

287. Alisa Michele⁹ Bandelier (Jacquelyn Sue⁸ Gerig, Merle Leon⁷, Noah Joel⁶, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born July 11, 1973. She married **Denis Michael Cahil** June 20, 1998.

Child of Alisa Bandelier and Denis Cahil is:

422 i. Devin Michael¹⁰ Cahil, born May 10, 1996.

305. Brian Kacey⁹ Klaus (Terry Lee⁸, Evelyn Marie⁷ Gerig, Daniel Amos⁶, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born December 22, 1962. He married **Christiana Ann Schmansky** August 1983.

Children of Brian Klaus and Christiana Schmansky are:

423 i. Brandon Joseph¹⁰ Klaus, born November 04, 1983.

424 ii. Kacie Lyn Klaus, born August 18, 1991.

306. Denise Marie⁹ Wilson (Deanna Marie⁸ Klaus, Evelyn Marie⁷ Gerig, Daniel Amos⁶, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born January 01, 1969. She married **Timothy John Reese** September 15, 1990.

Children of Denise Wilson and Timothy Reese are:

425 i. Rhobyn Rhaquel¹⁰ Reese, born August 23, 1993.

426 ii. Rhyan Christopher Reese, born June 02, 1995.

308. Rachael Marie⁹ Kozitza (Jannette Louise⁸ Klaus, Evelyn Marie⁷ Gerig, Daniel Amos⁶, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born August 24, 1971. She married **Brian Michael Jaster** June 29, 1996.

Child of Rachael Kozitza and Brian Jaster is:

427 i. Eric Michael¹⁰ Jaster, born November 21, 1997.

314. Brian Russell⁹ Hawk (Dennis Allen⁸, Delores Mary⁷ Gerig, Daniel Amos⁶, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born February 26, 1968. He married **(1) Timmi Nicole Hurt** October 19, 1991. He married **(2) Heather Lee Gwaley** November 09, 1996.

Child of Brian Hawk and Timmi Hurt is:

428 i. Matthew Allen¹⁰ Hawk, born April 03, 1992.

Child of Brian Hawk and Heather Gwaley is:

429 i. William Russell¹⁰ Hawk, born April 03, 1998.

317. Jessica Lynne⁹ Brown (Bonita Jane⁸ Hawk, Delores Mary⁷ Gerig, Daniel Amos⁶, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born June 29, 1975.

Child of Jessica Brown is:

430 i. Zachary Andrew¹⁰ Brown, born January 30, 1997.

321. Daniel Scott⁹ Griffiths (Deborah Leigh⁸ Gerig, Cletus LeVon⁷, Daniel Amos⁶, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born October 18, 1976. He married **Shiela Fix** December 17, 1994.

Child of Daniel Griffiths and Shiela Fix is:

431 i. Danika Elizabeth¹⁰ Griffiths, born December 10, 1996.

336. Christina Bernice⁹ Mohrhauser (Julia Bernice⁸ Heffner, Carol Bernice⁷ Gerig, Daniel Amos⁶, Joseph M.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born May 13, 1976. She married **J. W. Harker** July 09, 1996.

Child of Christina Mohrhauser and J. Harker is:

432 i. James Patrick¹⁰ Harker, born August 14, 1996.

349. Angela Kay⁹ Potts (Debbra Kay⁸ Gerig, Harold Wayne⁷, Harry Joseph⁶, John H.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born February 02, 1974. She married **Lester Monroe Kienel** June 08, 1996.

Child of Angela Potts and Lester Kienel is:

433 i. Aleshia Michelle¹⁰ Kienel, born December 21, 1990.

350. Alisha Marie⁹ Potts (Debbra Kay⁸ Gerig, Harold Wayne⁷, Harry Joseph⁶, John H.⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born October 26, 1976. She married **(1) Mr. Will**. She married **(2) Jeremy Ian Shramek** May 27, 1995.

Child of Alisha Potts and Mr. Will is:

434 i. Lydia Kathryn¹⁰ Will, born February 16, 1999.

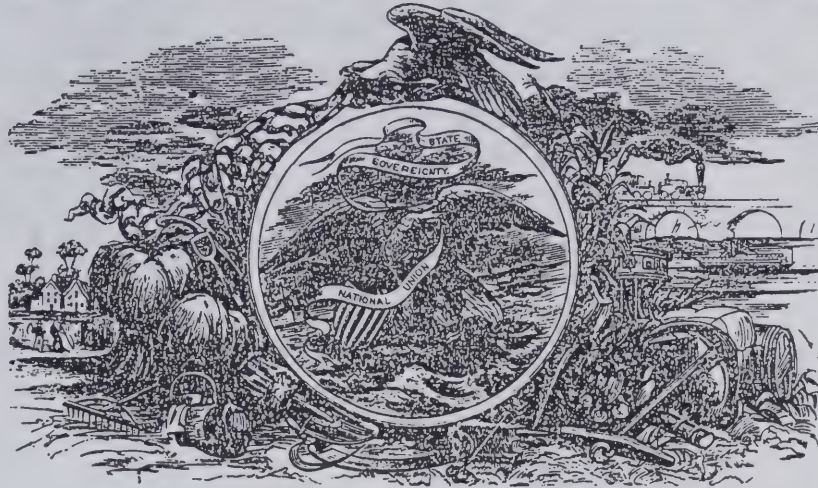
Children of Alisha Potts and Jeremy Shramek are:

435 i. Kayla Marie Victoria¹⁰ Shramek, born July 08, 1994.

436 ii. Katelinh Rose Shramek, born October 21, 1995.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

STATE OF ILLINOIS,



County of Livingston.

Be it Remembered, THAT on the Fifth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty two, personally appeared before Woodford G. McDowell presiding Judge of the County Court of the

county of Livingston and State aforesaid, (the same being a Court of Record, having and exercising common law jurisdiction, a seal and a clerk,) and sitting judicially for the despatch of business, at the Court House in Pontiac, in the county aforesaid Joseph Currie an

alien born, free, white, male person, above the age of twenty-one years, and applied to the said court to be admitted to become a naturalized citizen of the United States of America, pursuant to the several acts of Congress heretofore passed on that subject, entitled "An Act to establish a uniform rule of naturalization, and to repeal the Acts heretofore passed on that subject," approved the 14th day of April, 1802: An Act entitled "An Act in addition to an Act entitled an Act to establish a uniform rule of naturalization and to repeal the Acts heretofore passed on that subject," approved on the 26th day of March, 1804: an Act entitled "An act supplementary to the Acts heretofore passed on the subject of a uniform rule of naturalization," passed the 30th day of July, 1813; the Act relative to evidence in cases of naturalization passed the 22d day of March, 1816, and an Act in further addition to an Act to establish a uniform rule of naturalization, and to repeal the acts heretofore passed on that subject, passed May 26, 1824: and the said Joseph

Currie having thereupon produced to the Court, Record testimony showing that he has heretofore reported himself and filed his declaration of his intention to become a citizen of the United States, according to the provisions of the said several Acts of Congress, and the Court being satisfied as well from the oath of the said Joseph Currie as from the testimony of Record testimony from

and filed in Court and two of James Sample who are known to be citizens of the United States, that the said Joseph Currie has resided within the limits

and under the jurisdiction of the United States, for at least five years last past, and at least one year last past within the State of Illinois, and that during the whole of that time he has behaved himself as a man of good moral character, attached to the principles contained in the Constitution of the United States, and well disposed to the good order, well being and happiness of the same, and two years and upwards having elapsed since the said Joseph

Currie reported himself, and filed his declaration of his intention as aforesaid, It was Ordered, That the said Joseph Currie be permitted to

take the oath to support the Constitution of the United States, and the usual oath whereby he renounced all allegiance and fidelity to every foreign prince, potentate, state and sovereignty whatever, and more particularly to Napoleon Emperor of France

whereof he was heretofore a subject, which said oath, having been administered to the said Joseph Currie by the clerk of said court, it was ordered by the court that

the said Joseph Currie be admitted to all and singular the rights, privileges and immunities of a naturalized citizen of the United States, and that the same be certified by the clerk of this court, under the seal of said court accordingly.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, The Seal of the said Court is hereto affixed at the Clerk's office in Pontiac, this 5th day of November A. D. 1862, and of the Independence of the United States the Eighty-Sixth

By Order of the Court,

ATTEST,

Samuel S. Saul

Clerk of the County Court of Livingston County.

BUREAU
DE
L'ÉTAT CIVIL.

Registre N°

N° de l'Acte

1667

Gérig

Joseph

né le 11 novembre

1826,



MAIRIE DE LA VILLE DE STRASBOURG

DÉPARTEMENT DU BAS-RHIN.

EXTRAIT

des Registres des Actes de Naissance.

Déclaration faite à l'Hôtel-de-Ville de Strasbourg, département du Bas-Rhin, pardevant l'Officier de l'Etat civil, à une heure de relevée le deux novembre mil huit cent vingt six de la naissance d'un enfant du sexe masculin né au legs mariage les premiers dudit mois, à deux heures d'après, et nommé: Joseph

Prénoms et nom du déclarant: Joseph Gérig
 âgé de vingt deux ans, domicilié à Strasbourg

Qualité ou profession: Cultivateur

Père de l'enfant: le Soudit déclarant

Mère de l'enfant: Catherine Eymann

Témoins, etc. Signé: J. Gérig, Greffier
Greco, Officier de l'Etat civil.



Je soussigné, Président du Tribunal de l'Etat civil de Strasbourg, soussigné, pour la Collation des Actes de l'Etat civil, le 17 novembre 1852.

Cherrier



Collationné,

RÉPUBLIQUE FRANÇAISE.

~~LIBERTÉ, ÉGALITÉ, FRATERNITÉ~~



Passe-port à l'Etranger,

valable pour un an.

AU NOM DU PEUPLE FRANÇAIS,

Nous Préfet du Bas-Rhin,

requérons les Autorités civiles et militaires de la République Française, et prions les Autorités civiles et militaires des Etats amis ou alliés de la France, de laisser passer librement *lesieur Gerig Joseph cultivateur* natif de *Strasbourg* demeurant à *Strasbourg* allant en *Amérique* et de lui donner aide et protection en cas de besoin.

Le présent Passe-port est valable pendant *un an* pour sortir de France.

Fait à *Strasbourg*, le *20 Avril* 1852

Par le Préfet
Le Conseiller de Préfecture Délégué

Michaux-Dallaing

Par le

Préfet

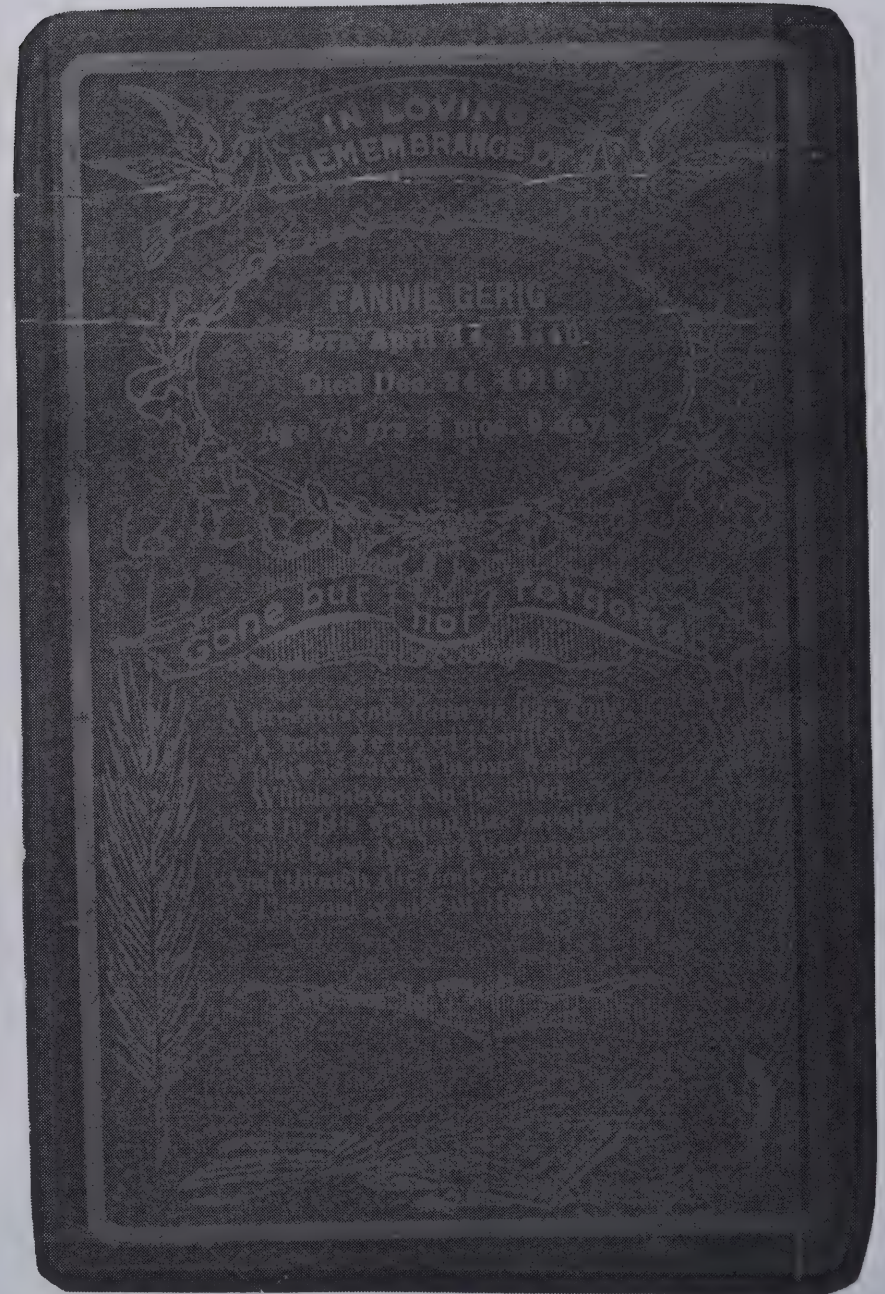
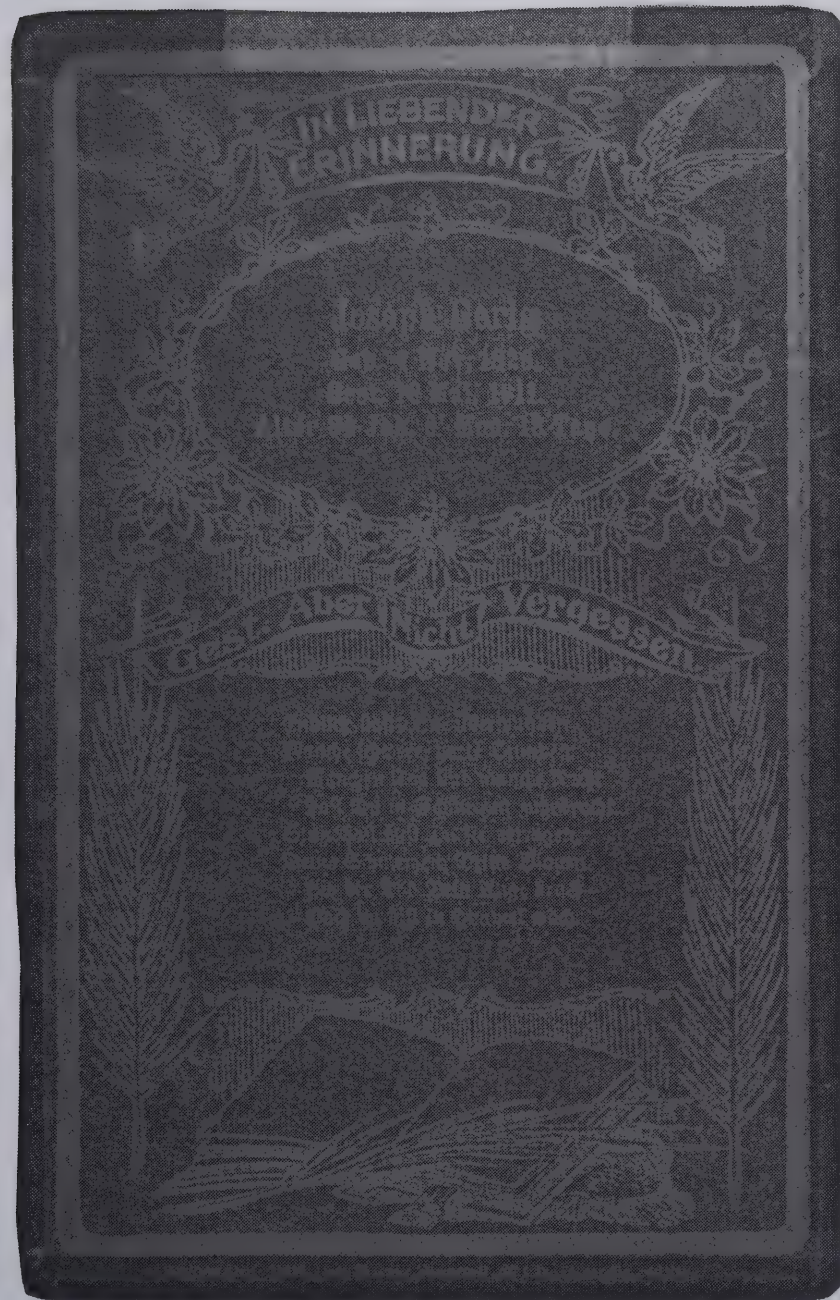
Le Secrétaire général,

Barbault

noté



GERIG



Funeral Notice

Joseph Gerig

Born, November 3, 1826

Died, May 18, 1911

The funeral services will be held at the M. E. church in
Waldo at 10:30 A. M. on Sunday, May 21, 1911.

Rev. C. R. Egle will have charge of the services;
assisted by Rev. Ben Rupp.

Interment will be made in Waldo cemetery.

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1. Full Name Joseph L. Gerig

2. (a) Sex Male (b) Color White (c) Single Married

3. (a) Birthplace Germany (b) Date of Birth 10- Days

4. Age 80 Years 6 Months 10 Days Hours

5. Died on the 18 Day of May 1911 at About 8:30 A.M.

6. Last Occupation Farmer
(PROFESSION, TRADE OR KIND OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS)

7. Previous Occupation (if any) None

8. Place of Death Placagaw County of Lewis & Clark
(TOWNSHIP, VILLAGE OR CITY IF IN CITY, NUMBER OF STREET AND WARD)

9. How Long in State About 20 yrs

10. How Long in U.S. if Foreign Born About 62

11. (a) Name of Father —
(b) Birthplace of Father — (STATE OR COUNTRY)

12. (a) Maiden Name of Mother —
(b) Birthplace of Mother — (STATE OR COUNTRY)

The foregoing stated personal particulars are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

13. Informant Peter Gerig

14. Address Placagaw 266

15. Undertaker B. G. Goddard License No. —

16. Address Placagaw 266

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF CAUSE OF DEATH

I Hereby Certify That I Attended Deceased from Mar 30 1910 to Mar 18 1911. That I Last Saw him Alive on the 6 day of April 1911. That death occurred on date stated above, at about 8:30 o'clock A.M., and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the cause of his death was as hereunder written:

(IF UNDER ONE YEAR OLD, STATE HOW FED)

(a) Cause of Death <u>Old Age</u>	DURATION IN YEARS, MONTHS, DAYS OR HOURS
(b) Contributory (Secondary)	

Filed for record this 19 day of July 1911 } Witness my hand This 18 Day of May 1911
D. W. K. E. M. Y. County Clerk. (Signature) D. W. K. E. M. Y. M. D. Address Placagaw 266

Old Settler of Pike Town Dead

**Joseph Gerig a Pioneer Passed Away
May 18—Saw Many Hardships—
Was Industrious, Upright Citizen—
Sketch of Life**

Joseph Gerig, one of the oldest pioneer settlers of this vicinity, died at his home in Flanagan Thursday, May 18, 1911, at 8:50 a. m., at the age of 84 years, 6 months, and 18 days. Mr. Gerig was born in Strassburg, France, November 1, 1826.

In 1851 he borrowed money in the old country with which he paid his fare to the new world. It took his entire wages the first year to repay the money borrowed for fare. He first went to Mt. Vernon, Ohio, where he worked in a livery barn for three years.

In 1854 he went to Carlock, Illinois, where he worked by the month on a farm for a year. In 1855 he engaged in farming at Carlock for himself. He then resided in Washington for three years. In 1856 he purchased 90 acres of land in Waldo township, Livingston county. Here he resided 27 years. In 1886 he moved to Pike town, seven miles northwest of this city, where he resided until in November of last year he moved to Flanagan.

He was married February 25, 1864, to Miss Fannie Roth, with whom he lived for over 47 years. To this union were born six sons and seven daughters. Two daughters preceded him to the better world. The wife and eleven children live to mourn his departure. The children are Mrs. Kate Becker, Pike Town; Mrs. Lena Zimmerman, Flanagan; Joseph, Flanagan; Jacob, Pike Town; Peter, Flanagan; Mary, Foosland; John and Christ, Pike Town; Lizzie, Emma, and Ben at home. He is survived by nineteen grandchildren besides many friends.

Mr. Gerig was the oldest child in his father's family of five boys and three girls, and the last one living. All died in Germany except one sister, Mrs. Mary Burkey, who moved to Coffee County, Kansas, in an early day. He came to this country when it was an unbroken wilderness. He suffered the hardships of pioneer life and lived to enjoy the fruits of his industry and frugality.

The first land he bought before he could make another payment he finally did it, and kept buying land until at the time of his death he owned 880 acres of as fine farming land as there is in the world.

He was not easily discouraged. In the early days when blackbirds and squirrels ate the corn he carried a sack of corn through the field and re-planted it by hand. The country was new, and everything was wild. The experiences he went through were enough to dishearten all except the bravest of men; yet he never lost courage, but always did the best he could. He lived at peace with all men and always attended strictly to his own affairs. He was a Republican in politics and always aimed at doing his duty in his chosen country.

The funeral was held at the M. E. church in Waldo at 10:30 a. m. Sunday, May 21. Rev. C. R. Egle had charge of the services and preached in German and Rev. Ben Rupp assisted and preached in English.

The pall bearers were Ben Roth, Joe Oyer, Joe Raber, Joe Ackerman, John George, and C. C. Zimmerman. Interment was made in Waldo cemetery.

Among those from away who attended the funeral were Chris Oyer and wife, Foosland; Mrs. Anna Unzicker, Fisher; John Oyer, Low Point; Peter Oyer and wife, Eureka; and Elmer Wagner, Roanoke.

The family wish to express their heartfelt thanks to all who assisted them during the illness, death and burial of their beloved husband and father.

Funeral of Joseph Gerig

The funeral of Joseph Gerig, sr., whose death occurred on May 18, as mentioned in The Times last week, took place at the Mennonite church in Waldo Sunday at 10:30 a. m., Rev. Chris Egle, assisted by Rev. Ben Rupp, officiated. The former spoke in German and the latter in English.

Burial was made in the Waldo cemetery and the following gentlemen acted as pall bearers: Ben Roth, Joe Raber, Joe Oyer, Joe Ackerman, John George and Chris Zimmerman.

Joseph Gerig was born Nov., 1826, in Strassburg, Alsace, France, and thus he was in his eighty-fifth year when he died. At the age of 25 he came to America, residing first at Mt. Vernon, Ohio. Three years later he moved to Washington, Ill., where he lived five years. In 1860 he took up his abode in Livingston county, where he resided until he passed away.

Funeral of Mrs. Fannie Gerig

The funeral services of Mrs. Fannie Gerig, who died on December 23, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. G. Becker, near Woodburn, Ind., were held at Salem church on Friday, and interment was made in the Waldo cemetery. The services were conducted by Rev. Ben Rupp of Bloomington and Rev. J. K. Gerig of Chicago. Those attending from a distance were the following: Mr. and Mrs. Chris Oyer, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Oyer, Joseph Oyer, Manuel Oyer, Elsie Oyer and Erwin and Esther Unsicker, all of Fisher; John and Ed Oyer, with their wives, of Metamora; Mr. and Mrs. Peter Oyer and C. E. Zimmerman of Morton; Mr. and Mrs. August Leuschner of Bloomington, and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Neuhauser of Cazenovia.

Mrs. Gerig, whose maiden name was Miss Fannie Roth, was born in Butler county, Ohio, on April 14, 1846, and moved with her parents to Tazewell county, Ill., when she was an infant. On February 25, 1864, she was married to Joseph Gerig, who died on May 18, 1911. Mrs. Gerig was the mother of thirteen children. Two daughters died in infancy and one son, John H. Gerig, died at Edgerton, Ind., in December, 1918. The following children survive: Mrs. Christian Becker and Jacob Gerig of Chenoa; Joseph Gerig of Woodburn, Ind.; Joel Zimmerman and Peter, Christian, Mary and Emma of Flanagan; Mrs. H. G. Becker of Woodburn, Ind., and Benjamin Gerig of Bacon, N. Y. There are also 22 grandchildren and one great grandchild. Three half-brothers of the deceased survive. Mrs. Gerig resided in Pike township for many years, but for the past nine years had made her home in Flanagan. She was a faithful member of the Defenseless Mennonite church and had a large number of friends who esteemed her highly.

On February 25, 1864, he was married to Miss Fannie Roth, who survives him. Thirteen children, six sons and seven daughters were born to the union. Two daughters preceded him to the better land. The following children are living: Mrs. Kate Becker, Jacob, John and Chris Gerig, all residing in Pike township; Mrs. Lena Zimmerman, Joe and Peter Gerig, near Flanagan; Miss Mary Gerig, Foosland; Misses Lizzie and Emma Gerig and Ben Gerig, who reside at the family home in Flanagan. Deceased also leaves 19 grand children, besides many relatives and friends.

Mr. Gerig came here when this part of the state was a wilderness. He had some hard times but was successful and accumulated a large amount of property. All who knew him held him in high esteem.

The family of Mr. Gerig wish to extend their heartfelt thanks to all who assisted them during the illness, death and funeral of their beloved husband and father.

A Respected Citizen Gone

Fannie Gerig, nee Roth, widow of Joseph Gerig deceased, was born Apr. 14, 1846, in Butler Co. Ohio, and died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. G. Becker, near Woodburn, Ind. Dec. 23, 1919, aged 73 years, 8 months and 9 days.

She was married to Joseph Gerig Feb. 25, 1864, who preceded her in death May 18, 1911. To this union 13 children were born, 6 sons and 7 daughters, of whom 2 died in infancy; also 1 son John H. Dec. 9 1918 at Edgortan, Ind. and 2 grand children.

She came with her parents in her early youth from Ohio, to

Tazewell Co. Ill. where her father died when she was 4 years of age. After her marriage she came with her husband on a farm in Livingston county where she resided until 9 years ago when she came to Flanagan where she had since resided.

She was converted, and united with the Defenseless Mennonite church and was a faithful member to the end. She leaves to mourn her departure 10 children, Mrs. Christian Becker of Chenoa; Mrs. Joel Zimmerman of Flanagan; J. M. Gerig of Woodburn, Ind. Jacob of Chenoa; Peter, Mary, Christian and Emma of Flanagan; Mrs. H. G. Becker of Woodburn, Ind and Benjamin at present of

Bacon, N. Y. 22 grand children 1 great grand child 3 half brothers and a host of relatives and friends.

Those who attended from a distance were—Mr. and Mrs. Chris Oyer of Fisher; Mr. and Mrs. John Oyer, Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Oyer of Metamora; Mr. and Mrs. Peter Oyer Joseph, Emanuel and Elsie Gyer; Erwin and Esther Unsicker of Fisher; and E. E. Zimmerman of Morton; Mr. and Mrs. August Leushmer of Bloomington; Mr. and Mrs. Peter Neuhauer of Cazenovia.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, by Rev. Ben Rupp of Bloomington (in German) and Rev. J. K. Gerig of Chicago (in Eng-

lish). Interment in Waldo cemetery.

We wish in this way to express our deep gratitude for the many kindnesses shown us during the death and funeral of our beloved mother.

The Children.

Ohio Furniture Store

RUGS

CARPETS

LINOLEUMS

PIANOS

ORGANS

FURNITURE

SEWING MACHINES



Payne, O.,

Feb 10 1921

Mr. C. B. Jrig

Dear Friend

Your letter & check received
I have credited account
in full to date \$523.00.
Burial Expense of Mrs. Fannie Jrig

I wish to thank you for your
kindness & promptness
and hope to remain ever
your friend

W. P. Lamb

Payne
Ohio



Salem Evangelical Mennonite Church of Gridley, Illinois

Front of building
prior to 1941.
Note two entrances -
left side for women -
right side for men.

Salem Church prior to
1941. Annex at rear
housed Sunday School
for pre-school to
high school.



Entrance of church after 1941
remodeling.

The church after the 1958
remodeling





The Gerigs, as identified on the back of the photo.

Front: Jacob, Joseph, Grandma, Katie, Lena
Back: Chris, Lizzie, Peter, Mary, John, Emma, Ben

[Courtesy
 Rev. Donald W. Roth]

THE FAMILY OF JOSEPH AND FANNIE (ROTH) GERIG

Compiled by Donald W. Roth

Joseph Gerig

b. 1 Nov. 1826, Strasburg (to Joseph Gerig & Katharina Eyman)
 d. 18 May 1911, Flanagan, Livingston Co., Ill.
 m. 25 Feb. 1864, Tazewell Co., Ill.

Veronica (Fannie) Roth

b. 14 Apr. 1846, Butler Co., Ohio (to Joseph Roth & Anna Schmidt [Anna m/2 Joseph Oyer])
 d. 23 Dec. 1919, Woodburn, Ind.

Joseph and Veronica Gerig's thirteen children were all born in Livingston County, Illinois

1. Catherine (Katie) Gerig

b. 3 Feb. 1865
 d. 10 Oct. 1941
 m. 30 Nov. 1890
 Christian Becker
 b. 1 Aug. 1869, d. 10 Mar. 1943
 later lived north of Meadows, Ill.
 last lived in Gridley, Ill.

2. Anna Gerig

b. 23 Mar. 1866
 d. 26 Mar. 1872

3. Magdalena Gerig

b. 17 Oct. 1867
 d. 30 Apr. 1956

m. 2 Mar. 1890

Joel Zimmerman

b. 26 Dec. 1862, d. 6 Nov. 1940

later lived north of Flanagan, Ill.

last lived in Flanagan, Ill.

4. Joseph M. Gerig

b. 30 June 1869
 d. 10 May 1954
 m. 19 Apr. 1892
 Mary Zimmerman
 b. 16 Jan. 1871, d. 21 June 1956
 later lived north of Flanagan, Ill.
 last lived in Woodburn, Ill.

5. Jacob B. Gerig

b. 22 Dec. 1872
 d. 26 May 1960
 m. 1 July 1906
 Minnie Rediger
 b. 4 May 1886, d. 6 Jan. 1974
 last lived in Woodburn, Ind.

6. Peter Gerig

b. 23 July 1874
 d. 18 Sep. 1969
 m. 13 Dec. 1898
 Malinda Zimmerman
 b. 9 Mar. 1879, d. 22 Dec. 1962
 later lived north of Flanagan, Ill.
 last lived in Flanagan, Ill.

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7. Mary Gerig

b. 11 Nov. 1876

d. 5 Jan. 1968

m. and divorced

Henry Gerig (he remarried and moved to Okla.)

b. 7 Sept. 1875, d. 18 Nov. 1947

last lived near Woodburn, Ind.

8. John H. Gerig

b. 11 May 1878

d. 9 Dec. 1918

m. 15 Mar. 1903

Elizabeth (Lizzie) Gerig

b. 17 Oct. 1882, d. 25 Dec. 1946

last lived near Woodburn, Ind.

9. Christian (Chris) Gerig

b. 17 Jan. 1880

d. 20 Feb. 1962

m. 20 Sept. 1906

Mary Ann Litwiller

b. 29 Nov. 1889, d. 8 Jan. 1948

later lived north of Flanagan, Ill.

last lived in Gridley, Ill.

10. Elizabeth (Lizzie) Gerig

b. 20 May 1881

d. 17 June 1966

m. 6 Feb. 1918

Henry G. Becker

b. 12 Jan. 1880, d. 4 Dec. 1964

last lived near Woodbury, Ind.

11. Emma Gerig

b. 22 Sep. 1883

d. 1 Nov. 1959

later lived in Chicago, Ill. (mission worker)

last lived in Gridley, Ill.

12. Benjamin F. Gerig

b. 25 June 1885

d. 16 Sep. 1965

m/1st. 14 Jan. 1914, divorced

Gesina Joosten

b. 13 Jan. 1888, d. 22 Oct. 1947

m/2nd. 24 Aug. 1929

Mathilda Fannie Litwiller

b. 17 Jan. 1898, d. 20 Aug. 1992

last lived at Pontiac, Ill.

13. Lydia Gerig

b. 4 Sep. 1887

d. 15 Oct. 1887

Part Three:

**ILLINOIS MINISTERS
ATTENDING THE AMISH MINISTERS'
MEETINGS OF 1862-1878**

By Steven R. Estes

Introduction

The following biographical sketches were prepared for a publication of the proceedings of a series of Amish ministers' meetings held in North America between 1862 and 1878. These annual meetings were called to help preserve unity in the Amish church. Four of the sixteen conferences were held in Illinois — in 1866 at the John Strubhar farm in McLean County, in 1871 at the Gridley Prairie meetinghouse in Livingston County, in 1875 at the Christian Sutter farm in Tazewell County, and in 1878 in the Oaknoke meetinghouse in Woodford County.

A total of 253 ministers were listed in the minutes of these meetings as participating in the conferences. This article consists of biographies of the 69 ministers who attended from Illinois. Also included are the biographies of two attending ministers (Isaac Smucker and his son Jonathan P. Smucker) who lived in Illinois prior to the meetings and the biographies of three attending ministers (Joseph J. Bornreger, Joseph N. Keim, and Joseph Der) who lived in Illinois following the conferences.

These biographies will be part of a publication being prepared by the Mennonite Historical Society, Goshen, Indiana. Compilers

Illinois Mennonite Heritage

of this four-part publication are Paton Yoder of Goshen, Indiana, and Steve Estes of Meadows, Illinois. Part I is an annotated English translation of the proceedings of these conferences. Part II is a collection of documents relating to the conferences and the concerns of the participants. Part III is the collection of biographical sketches of the 253 participating ministers (from which this article is taken). Part IV is a set of four appendices. Also included will be pictures; a map prepared by V. Gordon Oyer of Champaign, Illinois; and an introduction by John E. Sharp, director of the Historical Committee of the Mennonite Church. John D. Roth, Goshen, Indiana, of the Mennonite Historical Society, editor of *The Mennonite Quarterly Review* and director of the Mennonite Historical Library at Goshen, is preparing the layout of the work for publication.

The first two parts of this article, containing the first twenty-six biographies, appeared in the September and December 1998 issues of IMH. Endnotes are numbered consecutively through all parts; full citations are given at first occurrence in each part.

HOCHSTETTLER, JOSEPH, 1866. Born 3 Feb. 1836 at Siebenbrunnfeld, near Augsburg, Bavaria; died 4 July 1896, Washington, Tazewell Co., Ill. Son of Joseph Hochstettler (1798-1854) and Phoebe Jacobina Gingerich (ca. 1800-1854). Married 6 July 1862 to Elizabeth Unzicker (28 Sep. 1839-10 Aug. 1920), daughter of Jacob Unzicker (1808-1893) and Marie Krehbiel (1814-1904). The couple moved to near Washington, then to near Hopedale, both in Tazewell Co., Ill. Several of their children were born near Stanford, McLean Co., Ill. Ordained as a minister

FAMILY RECORD

Joseph Gerig and Fanny Gerig were united in Marriage
February--25th--1864.

* * * * *

	Date Born	Date of Death
Joseph - Gerig	-----Nov.- 1 - 1826	--May- 5- 1911
Fannie Gerig	----- Apr. -14- 1846	- Dec.-23 -1919
Katie Gerig	----- Feb.- 3 - 1865	- Oct -10 - 1941
Anna Gerig	----- Mar.- 23- 1866	- Mar.-26 - 1872
Lena Gerig	----- Oct.- 17- 1867	-
Joseph M. Gerig	----- Jun.- 30- 1869	-
Jacob B. Gerig	----- Dec.- 22- 1872	-
Peter Gerig	----- Jul.- 23- 1874	-
Mary Gerig	----- Nov.-11 - 1876	-
John H. Gerig	----- May.- 11- 1878	- Dec.-9 -- 1918
Christian Gerig	----- Jan.- 17- 1880	-
Lizzie Gerig	----- May.- 20- 1881	-
Emma Gerig	----- Sep.- 22- 1883	-
Benjamin F. Gerig	----- Jun.- 25- 1885	-
Lydia Gerig	----- Sep.- 4 - 1887	- Oct.-15 -- 1887

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Joel Zimmerman	----- Nov.- 6 --, 1940
Christian Becker	----- Mar.- 10 --1943
Lizzie Gerig	----- Dec.- 25 - 1946
Mary (Litwiller) Gerig	----- Jan.- 8 -- 1948

Date of Birth

Joseph	Gerig	Was	Born	November	1. 1826
Fannie	Roth	Was	Born	April	14. 1846
Were United in Marriage				February	25. 1864
Katie	Gerig	Was	Born	February	3. 1865
Anna	Gerig	Was	Born	March	23. 1866
Lena	Gerig	Was	Born	October	17. 1867
Joseph M.	Gerig	Was	Born	June	30. 1869
Jacob B.	Gerig	Was	Born	December	22. 1872
Peter	Gerig	Was	Born	July	23. 1874
Mary	Gerig	Was	Born	November	11. 1876
John H.	Gerig	Was	Born	May	11. 1878
Christian	Gerig	Was	Born	January	17. 1880
Lizzie	Gerig	Was	Born	May	20. 1881
Emma	Gerig	Was	Born	September	22. 1883
Benjamin F.	Gerig	Was	Born	June	25. 1885
Lydia	Gerig	Was	Born	September	4. 1887

Date of Death

Anna	Gerig	Died	March	26. 1872
Lydia	Gerig	Died	October	15. 1887
Joseph	Gerig	Died	May	18. 1911
John H.	Gerig	Died	December	9. 1918
Fannia	Gerig	Died	December	23. 1919
Katie	Gerig Becker	Died	October	10. 1941

Memmonite Old Peoples Home

(INCORPORATED 1919)

"Cast me not off in the time of old age;
forsake me not when my strength faileth." Ps. 71-6.

Meadows, Illinois, _____ 19____

Date of Death

Joel	Zimmerman	Died	November	6. 1940
Christian	Becker	Died	March	10. 1943
Lizzie	Gerig	Died	December	25. 1946
Mary	Gerig	Died	January	8. 1948

MARRIAGES

Joseph Gerig and Fannie Roth Tazewell Co, IL – Rev. Andrew Rupp	Feb. 25, 1864
Kate Gerig and Christian Becker Livingston Co, IL – Rev. Joseph Rediger	Nov. 30, 1890
Lena Gerig and Joel Zimmerman Livingston Co, IL – Rev. Joseph Rediger	Mar. 2, 1890
Joseph M. Gerig and Mary Zimmerman Livingston Co, IL – Rev. Joseph Rediger	Apr. 19, 1892
Jacob B. Gerig and Minnie Rediger Livingston Co, IL – Rev. C.R. Egle	Jul. 1, 1906
Peter Gerig and Malinda Zimmerman Livingston Co, IL – James H. Gaff	Dec. 13, 1898
Mary Gerig and Henry Gerig	
John H. Gerig and Lizzie Gerig Allen Co, IN – Rev. Andrew Gerig	Mar. 15, 1903
Chris Gerig and Mary Ann Litwiller Livingston Co, IL – Rev. C.R. Egle	Sep. 20, 1906
Lizzie Gerig and Henry G. Becker Livingston Co, IL – Rev. C.R. Egle	Feb. 6, 1918
Benjamin F. Gerig and Tillie Litwiller Geneva, IL – Rev. W.W. Pylesworth	Aug. 24, 1929

BURIALS

Joseph Gerig	Waldo Cemetery, Gridley, IL
Fannie Gerig	Waldo Cemetery, Gridley, IL
Kate Becker	Waldo Cemetery, Gridley, IL
Anna Gerig	Waldo Cemetery, Gridley, IL
Lena Zimmerman	Mt. Zion Cemetery, Flanagan, IL
Joseph M. Gerig	EMC Cemetery, Woodburn, IN
Jacob B. Gerig	EMC Cemetery, Woodburn, IN
Peter Gerig	Waldo Cemetery, Gridley, IL
Mary Gerig	EMC Cemetery, Woodburn, IN
John H. Gerig	EMC Cemetery, Woodburn, IN
Chris Gerig	Waldo Cemetery, Gridley, IL
Lizzie Becker	EMC Cemetery, Woodburn, IN
Emma Gerig	Waldo Cemetery, Gridley, IL
Benjamin F. Gerig	Memorial Gardens, Pontiac, IL
Lydia Gerig	Waldo Cemetery, Gridley, IL



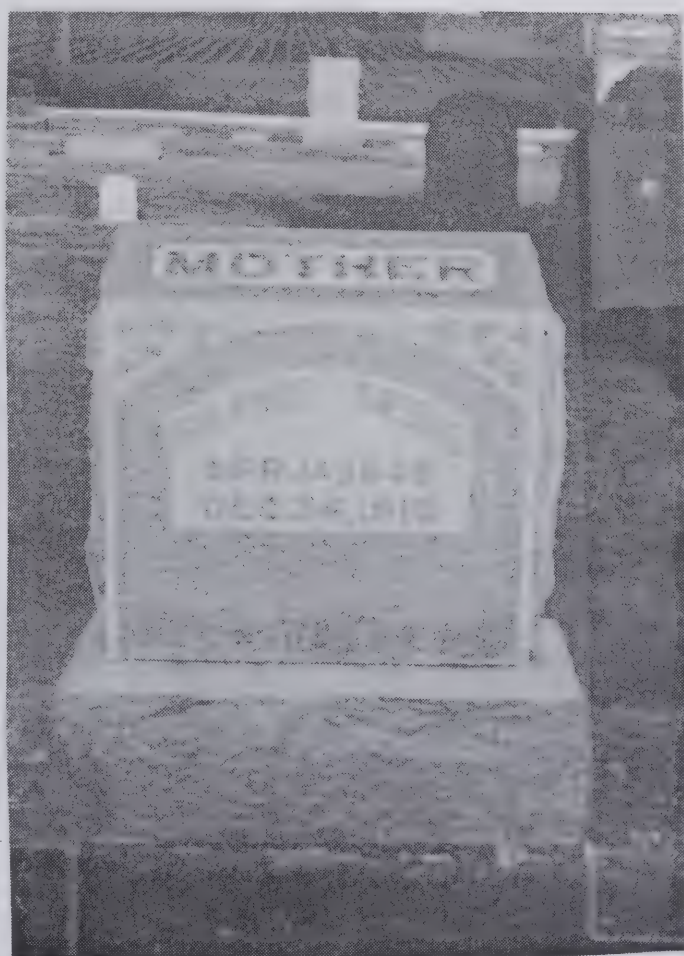
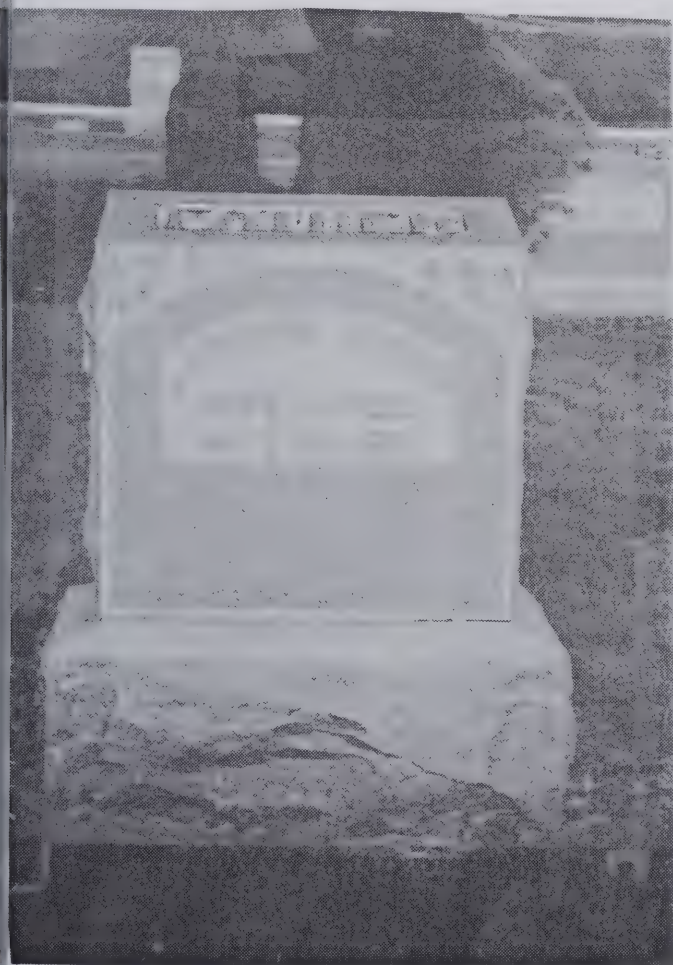
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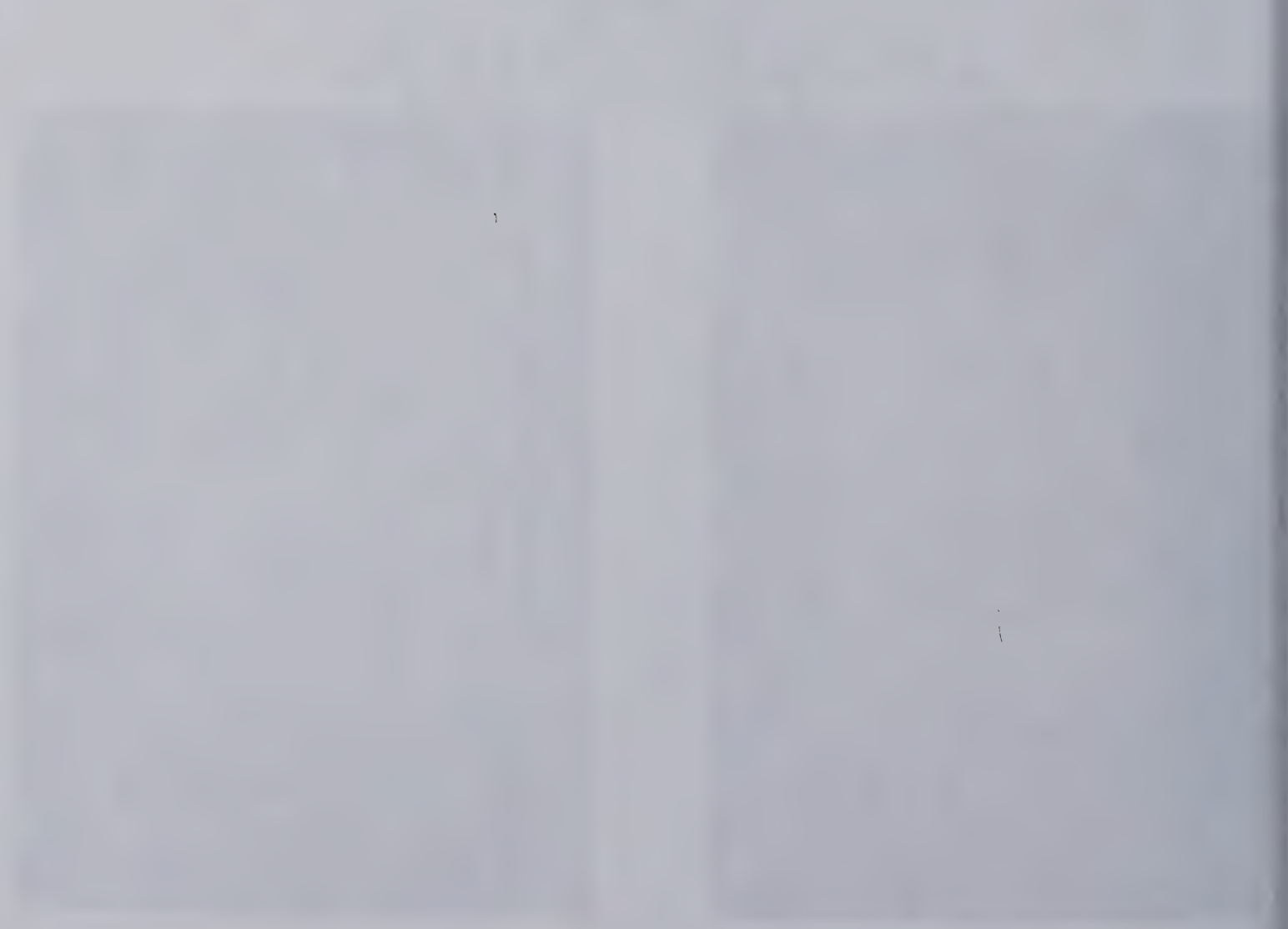


Gerig Home in Pike Township, Illinois



The GERIGS
Front: Jacob, Joseph, Grandma, Katie, Lena
Back: Chris, Lizzie, Peter, Mary, John, Emma, Ben







The Gerig Grandchildren with Grandma Gerig



The Gerig Family with Grandma Gerig



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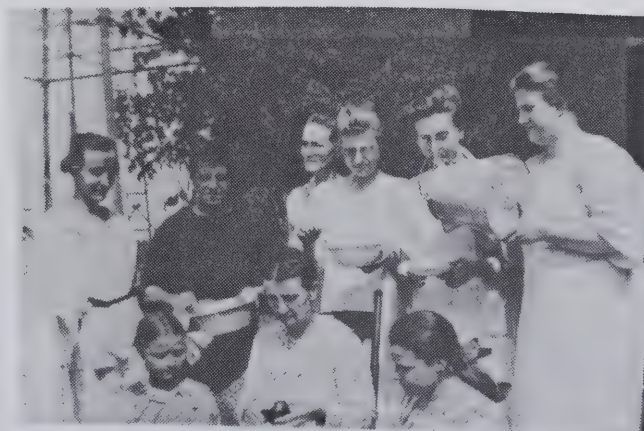
Grandma Gerig with Gerig Daughters etc.



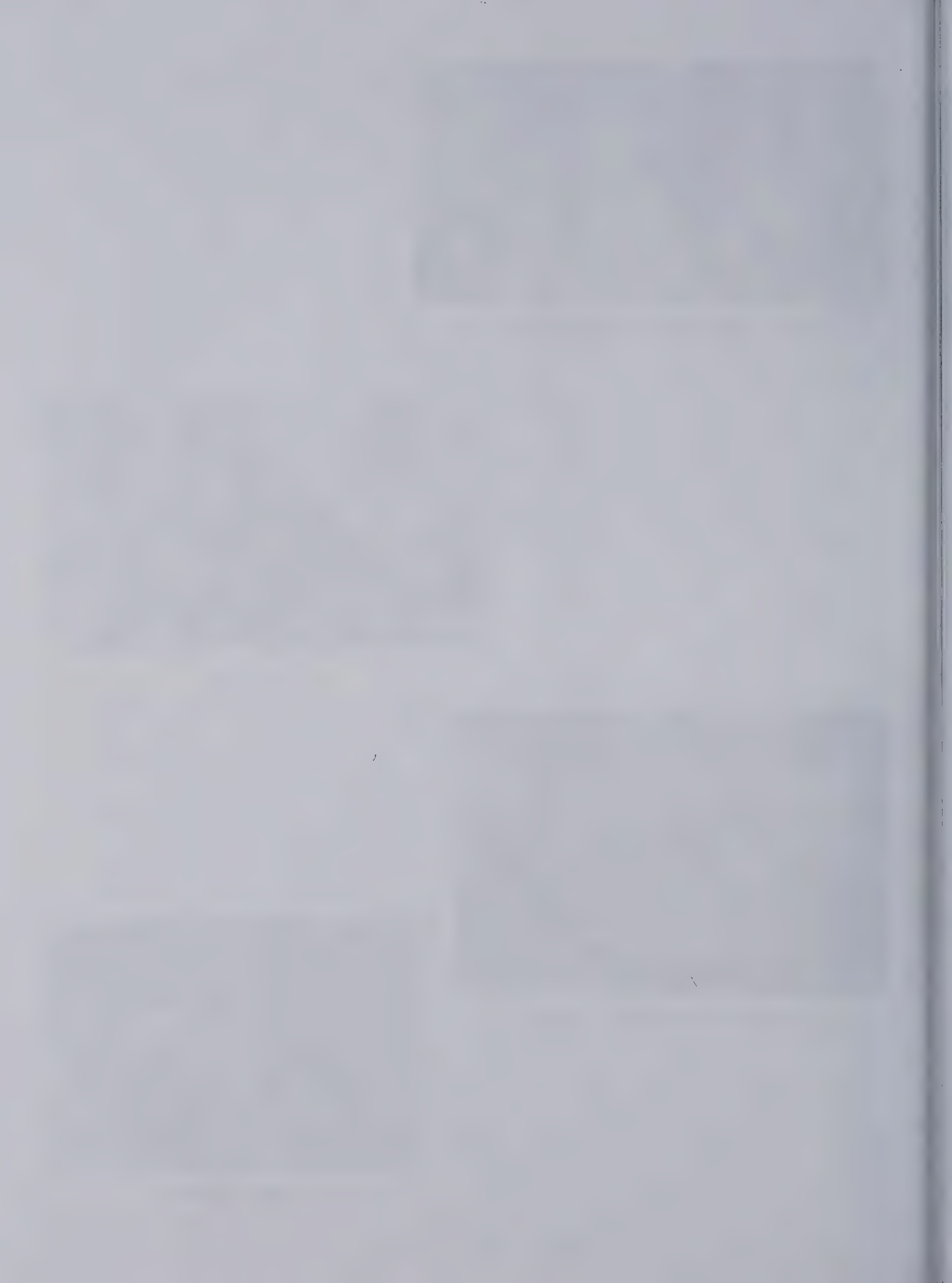
Gerig Men



Two Generations of Gerig Women



Gerig Women





Back: (left to right) Ben, Pete, Joe, Jake, Chris
Front: (left to right) Lena, Kate, Mary, Lizzie



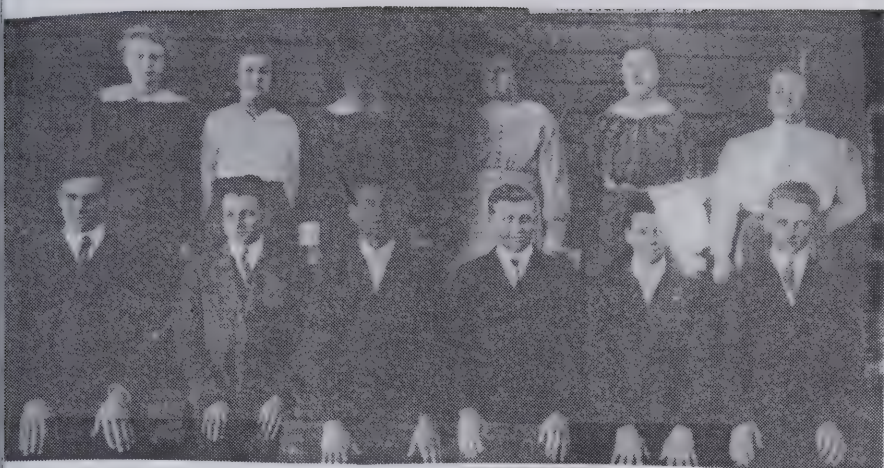
Two Generations of Gerig Men



Two Generations of Gerig Men



Members of Gerig Family



Gerig Grandchildren

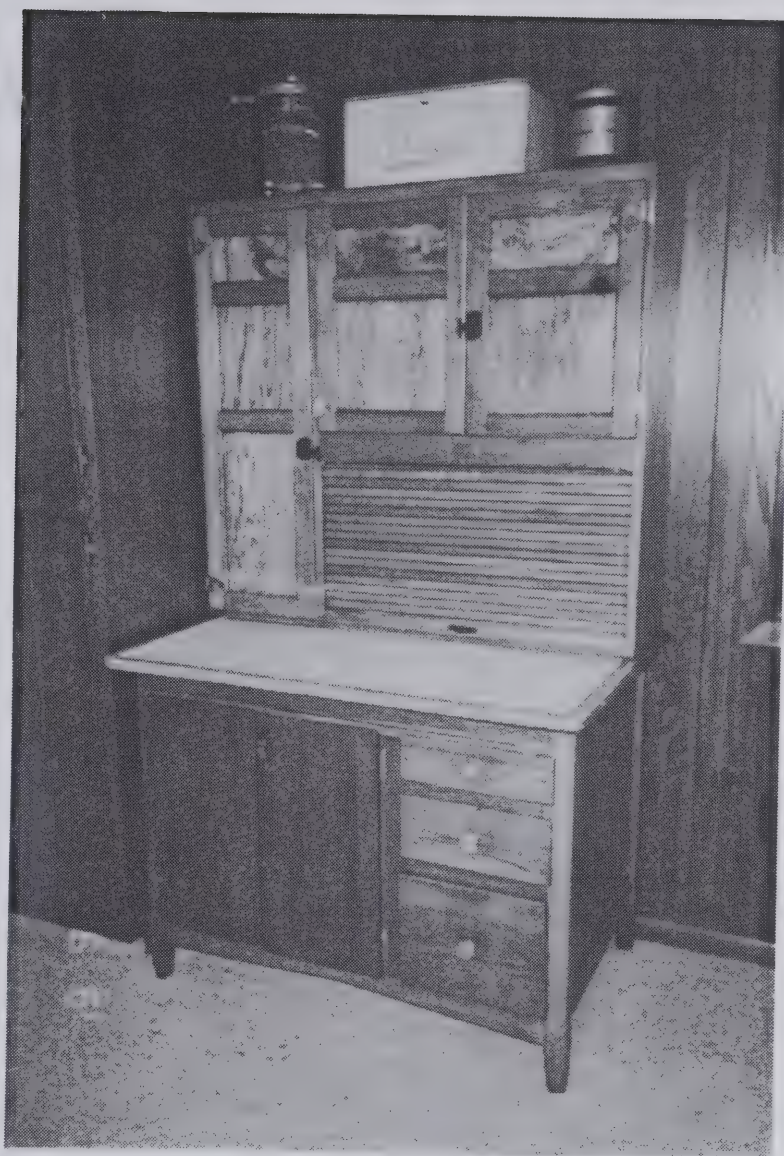


Left to right: Viola Roth, Lorena Gerig, Ida Gerig at Viola's Home



Viola Roth and Noah Gerig at Jesse Yaggy's Funeral

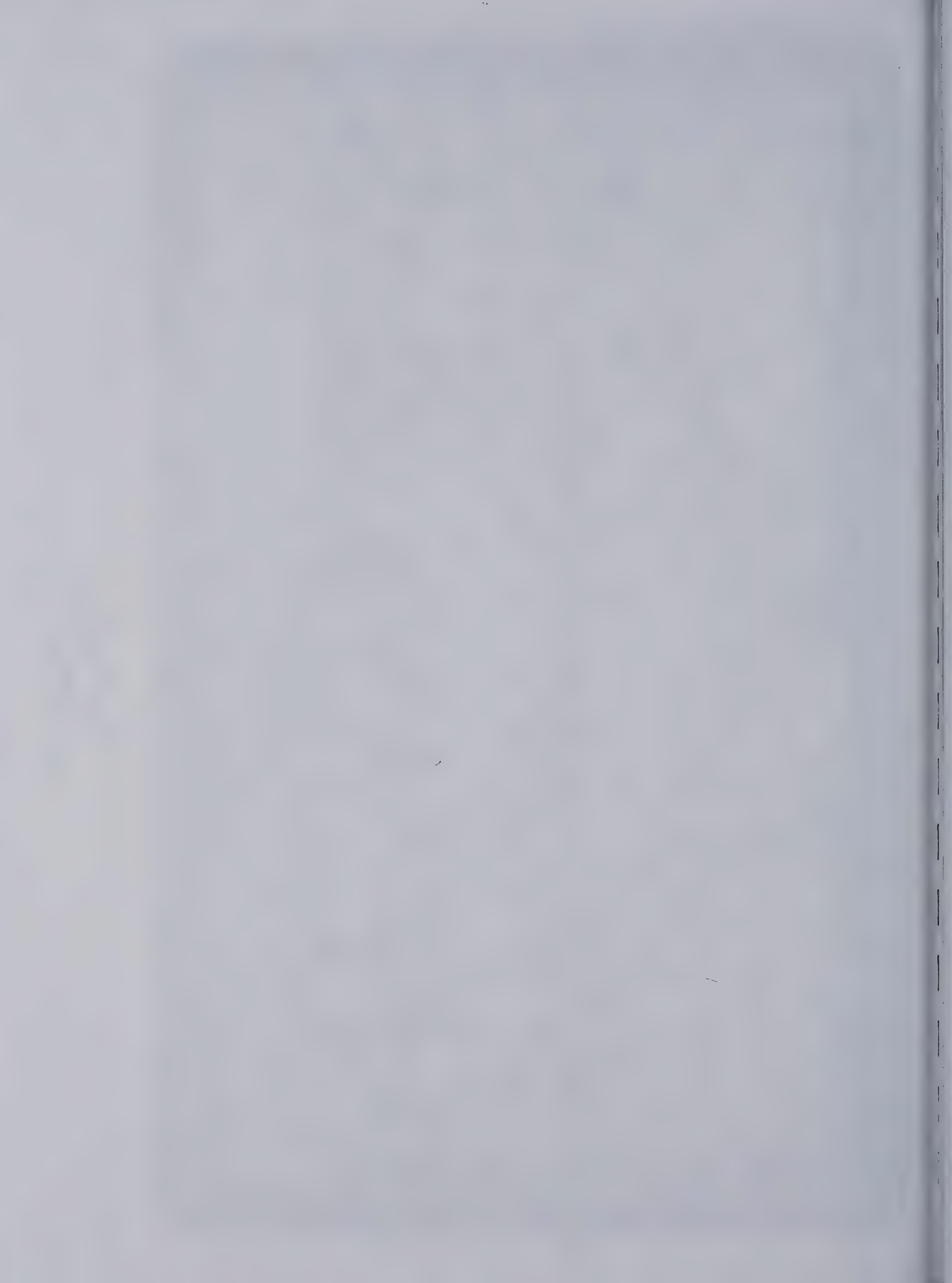




Kitchen Cabinet
of
Fannie (Roth) Gerig
Malinda (Zimmerman) Gerig
Sylvia (Gerig) Knuth
Lois (Knuth) Sorenson



Third Gertig Reunion
August 26, 1934
Miller Park, Bloomington, IL



GERIG FAMILY REUNIONS AT MONTICELLO, INDIANA

Date	# of Persons Present	President
Sep 13, 1936	45	Jacob B. Gerig
Jul 25, 1937	74	Benjamin F. Gerig
Jul 24, 1938	64	Daniel A. Gerig
Jul 23, 1939	48	Noah J. Gerig
Jul 28, 1940	57	Ezra N. Zimmerman
May 25, 1941	62	Aaron N. Becker

There were no reunions held for the years 1942 – 1945 due to World War 2.

Sep 8, 1946	67	Chris Gerig
1947		Lester C. Gerig

No minutes have been found for a 1947 reunion. It was never held. The last Gerig family reunion was in 1946.

1938 July 24

Mr & Mrs. Gering & wife	2
Emil Adron & wife & Mary	3
Mr and Mrs. Eora Stuckiford Daughter Jean	3
Bob & Nellie Gering	2
Chris Becker & Katie Becker Gridley	2
Mr Henry Gering & Wife, and Lester and Annabelle, Woodburn Ind	4
Mr Peter Stucky family Flanagan Ill	3
Mr & Mrs E. Elden W. Roth & Donald & Marilyn	4
E. N. Zimmerman & Family Flanagan Ill	4
D. O. King, Belous, Cletis, and Carol	4
Mr Peter Gering and Family	3
Mr J. H. Yockey & family	3
E. G. Zimmerman Groveland, Illinois	1
Mr. J. Gering Woodburn, Indiana	5
Edna & Henry	4
Mr and Mrs. H. G. Becker Woodburn Ind	2
Ruth Brown Woodburn Ind	1
A. M., Esther, Helen Becker	3
Mrs. L. E. & Coalina Becker	2
Harry & Ida Gering	2
Gaylord Gering & Ole Ma Rahn	3
Mr & Mrs. J. B. Gering & Alvin	3

64

Mr & Mrs Chris Seig

2

Mr & Mrs Joel Zimmerman

2

Alma Zimmerman

1

Edna Zimmerman

1

Walter Becker

1

1

72

Reunion 1939

Mr & Mrs R. King Woodburn Jr.	2
Alvin & Gerig Woodburn	3
Mrs & Mrs Emma Adreon & Family & Adreon	4
Mr & Mrs Ezra Zimmermann Family Flanagan	4
J. M. King & Wife	2
Ernie Becker & Wife	2
Carroll, Esther & Helen Becker & Family	3
Mr & Mrs Walter King 210 W. 1st St.	2
Mr & Mrs. George Gerig & Family Thos. King	5
Norman Gerig & Family	7
Mrs. & Mr. Peter King & Family	3
Mr & Mrs Harry King & Family	3
Daniel Gerig, Brooklyn, Carroll & Clatus	4
Mr & Mrs. Peter Stucky	5
Mr & Mrs. H. H. Becker & Wilmer	3
Mr & Mrs. J. M. Zimmermann & daughters	4

Total attendance for 1939 = 48

1941

Mr. & Mrs. Henry Gerig and Woodburn Ind, 3
J. M. Gerig & Wife 2

Persons listed in the record of the

Mrs. Lena Zimmerman
Edna Zimmerman

Alma Zimmerman

Mr. & Mrs. Elden Roth & four children Lindley

Elmer Aaron and Mary

E. N. Zimmerman & Family. (4)

Mr. & Mrs. Chris Gerig

Mr. & Mrs. Peter Gerig 2

Mr. & Mrs. Ezra Stucky and 2 children Flanagan

Mr. & Mrs. Pitt Stucky " 3. " " " " " "

Mr. & Mrs. H. B. Blacker 2 Woodburn Ind

Emma Gerig 1645 N. Spauldell, apt Chicago, Ill.

Alvin E. Gerig

Mr. & Mrs. Harry Gerig and 2 children

Mildred Gerig Bloomington

Lester Gerig

L. B. Gerig

Mr and Mrs Hayford E Geig & Son - Woodbury

Mr & Mrs Chris Becker Gridley Jll

Mr & Mrs L.E. Becker 1042 E. 81 Street - Chicago, Ill

Mr & Mrs A J Becker & Helen Gubler

Mrs J B Geig

Mr & Mrs B. F. Geig

Emerald & Marie Geig

Maggie & Mary Alice 62 present

1946 (7?)

Mr & Mrs L.E. Becker 3-1042 E 8th St Chicago (3)
Mr. & Mrs. Dale Jensen & Flanagan (2) (M)
Mr & Mrs J. A. Yaggy & Loretta (3)
Mr & Mrs Alvin E. Herig & family Woodburn (2)
Mr & Mrs Daniel A. Herig & family Ottawo (6)
Mr & Mrs Harry L. Becker Woodburn (2)
Now Mrs. Loretta Yaggy (2) (M)
Mr & Mrs Harry J. Herig Woodburn Ind. (5)
Mr & Mrs. Lester Herig 1121 Dearborn St Chicago (2)
Mrs & Mrs Elmer Odron Woodburn (4) (M)
Mrs Mary E. Herig, Woodburn, Ind. (1)
Mrs Lena Zimmerman Flanagan, Ill. (1)
Alma & Edna Zimmerman Flanagan, Ill. (2)
Mr & Mrs. Fay & Jerry Woodburn, Ind. (3)
Mr & Mrs Harry Herig & Annabelle Woodburn (3) (M)
Mr & J. B. Herig Mrs J. B. Herig Woodburn Ind. (2)
E. E. Zimmerman RR 5 Peoria 8, Ill. (1)
E. E. Herig, 2053 N. Albany Ave. Chicago 4, Ill. (1)
Mr & Mrs J. B. Herig Woodburn (3)
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Herig and Janice (3)
Mrs Mrs. Clara Herby & 3 children Xenia (2) (M)

Mr & Mrs Elderly & 5 children. (7)
Mr & Mrs Elderly & 2 children. (4)
Mr & Mrs Paul Weller. (2)

Name

Address

- Mr + Mrs Lester La Berig 1121 Dearborn St Ft Wayne
Mr + Mrs Peter Struck Flanagan Ill
Delita Struck
(3) Mr + Mrs Elder M. Roth - Grisdley, Illinois
Evelyn Merig, 2053 N. Albany Chicago Ill
(4) Mr + Mrs Elmer Aderson Woodburn Ind
(5) Mr + Mrs Harry Lerig Woodburn, Ind
(4) Mr + Mrs Mary Ann Lerig Flanagan Ill
Mrs + Mrs Peter Lerig Flanagan Ill
Lorena Lerig " " "
(1) Mrs + Mrs Mary Ann Lerig Woodburn Ind
Miss Elvira Lerig Woodburn Ind
Miss Loretta Lerig Woodburn Ind
Idella Zimmerman Flanagan Ill
Mr + Mrs Paul Koeller Flanagan Ill
Mr + Mrs Hale Jensen Flanagan Ill
Mr + Mrs C. B. Lerig Pontiac Ill
Miss Mrs + Mrs Lerig Woodburn Ind
Mary Lerig " " "
Mary Aderson " " "
Peter Aderson 1715 " " "

Chris and Kate
(Gerig)
Becker

THE FAMILY OF CHRISTIAN AND KATHERINE (GERIG) BECKER

KATHERINE GERIG

m: Nov 30, 1890

Christian Becker

1. Lydia Fanny Becker

2. Aaron Noah Becker

m: Feb 21, 1923

Esther Ann Birky

3. Levi Edward Becker

m: Jun 2, 1921

Pearl L. Miller

LYDIA FANNY BECKER

AARON NOAH BECKER

m: Feb 21, 1923

Esther Ann Birky

A. Helen Ruth Becker

m: Sep 22, 1956

Bernard Celestial Highland

1. John Mark Highland

2. Linda Kaye Highland

m: Feb 25, 1995

Edward J. Lewis

a. Kayla Ruth Lewis

b. John Kevin Lewis

LEVI EDWARD BECKER

m: Jun 2, 1921

Pearl L. Miller

A. Doris Jean Becker

m: Sep 19, 1945

Robert James Bushelle

1. Gregory Keith Bushelle

m: 1996

Victoria Ann Rosencrantz

a. Tonya May Farrell

2. Sandra Lee Bushelle

m: September 1978

Bruce Thomas Boulton

a. Christopher Bruce Boulton

3. David Alan Bushelle

m: November 1980

Kathleen Weaver

b. Feb 3, 1865

d. Oct 10, 1941

b. Aug 1, 1869

d. Mar 10, 1943

b. Jan 10, 1892

d. Oct 10, 1918

b. Dec 25, 1893

d. Jan 16, 1979

b. Oct 14, 1895

d. Mar 11, 1985

b. May 24, 1898

d. Sep 26, 1950

b. Aug 17, 1900

d. Sep 5, 1991

b. Jan 10, 1892

d. Oct 10, 1918

b. Dec 25, 1893

d. Jan 16, 1979

b. Oct 14, 1895

d. Mar 11, 1985

b. Apr 19, 1925

d. Dec 21, 1998

b. Feb 17, 1923

b. Sep 13, 1958

b. Aug 27, 1962

b. Aug 17, 1930

b. Apr 4, 1997

b. Mar 19, 1999

b. May 24, 1898

d. Sep 26, 1950

b. Aug 17, 1900

d. Sep 5, 1991

b. Feb 14, 1925

b. Nov 29, 1925

b. Sep 10, 1948

b. May 9, 1953

b. Jun 21, 1971

b. Dec 7, 1950

b. May 21, 1951

b. August 7, 1979

b. Oct 16, 1952

b. Apr 4, 1962

a. Ethan David Bushelle	b. Aug 20, 1981	
4. Donna Dee Bushelle	b. Dec 14, 1958	
m: Apr 28, 1984		
Gary William Klages	b. Oct 4, 1957	
a. Kyle Ryan Klages	b. Sep 3, 1986	
b. Kimberly Lauren Klages	b. Apr 20, 1988	
B. Carolyn Lee Becker	b. Mar 21, 1932	
m:		
Martin Edward Fogerty	b. Oct 6, 1931	
1. Linda Louise Fogerty	b. Jun 1, 1954	
2. Mark John Fogerty	b. Apr 23, 1956	
3. Jeffery Scott Fogerty	b. Oct 15, 1958	
Pearl Becker		
m:		
Edwin Joseph Pearson	b. Feb 11, 1900	d.



erig Grandchildren with Chris and Kate Becker



THE BECKER FAMILY

Back: Aaron and Esther

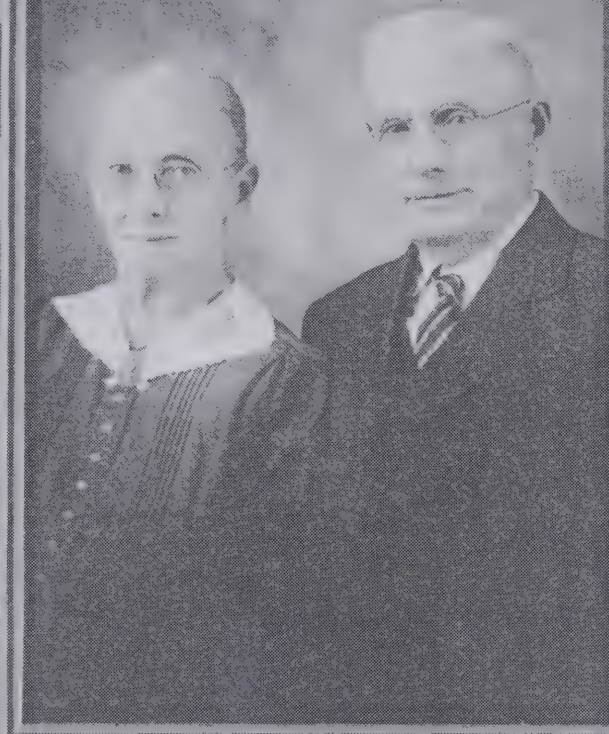
Front: Chris and Kate



THE BECKERS

Left to right: Kate, Levi, Lydia, Aaron, Chris

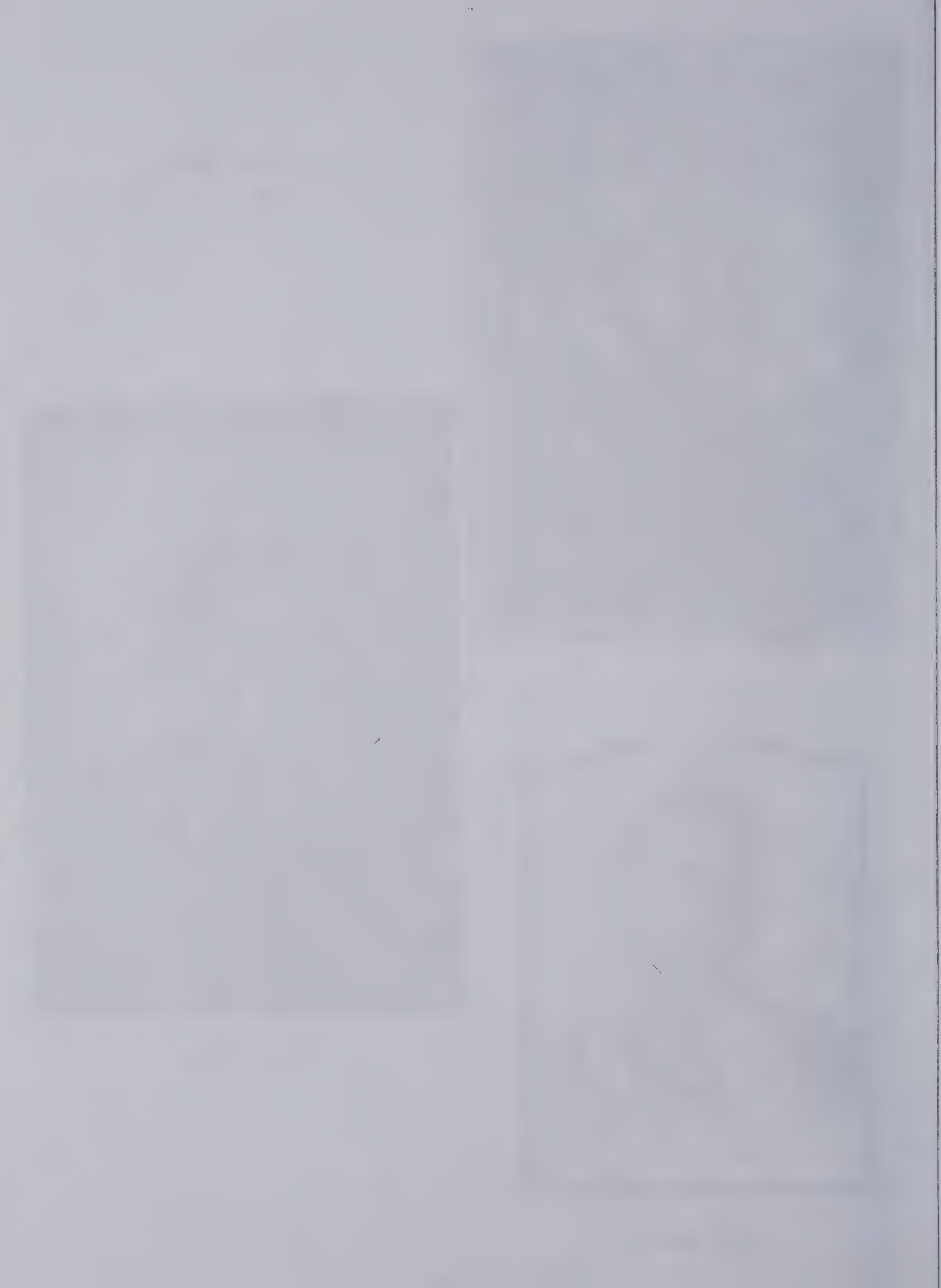
Kate and Chris Becker



Aaron Becker



Lydia Becker



FUNERAL SERVICES HELD SUNDAY FOR MRS. KATIE BECKER

Rites Conducted at Home and
at the Salem Church by
the Rev. Bertsche

1941

Funeral services for Mrs. Katie Gerig Becker, who died Friday, Oct. 10, were held Sunday afternoon at one o'clock at the home, and at two o'clock at the Salem Mennonite church, of which she was a member. The Rev. H. E. Bertsche officiated at the services.

Interment was made in the Waldo cemetery, the pallbearers being nephews of the deceased. They were E. N. Zimmerman, N. J. Gerig, L. C. Gerig, Floyd Diemer, Elmer Greiner and Ollie Stalter.

Katie Gerig Becker, a daughter of Joseph and Fannie Gerig, was born on February 3, 1865, in Waldo township, near Gridley. On November 30, 1890, she was united in marriage to Christian Becker. Last November 30, they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

They were the parents of three children. One daughter, Lydia, died October 10, 1918, just 23 years before, on the same date, her mother passed away. Surviving are the husband, Christian Becker, and two sons, Aaron, of Gridley, and Lee, of Chicago. There are three granddaughters.

The following brothers and sisters survive: Mrs. Lena Zimmerman, Peter Gerig and Chris Gerig, of Flanagan; B. F. Gerig, of Pontiac; Miss Emma Gerig, of Chicago, and J. M. Gerig, J. B. Gerig and Mrs. Lizzie Becker, of Woodburn, Ind.

Those from a distance attending the funeral were J. M. Gerig, J. B. Gerig, Noah Gerig, Elmer Gerig, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gerig, Mrs. Lizzie Becker, Mary Gerig, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Adreon and daughter Mary, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Becker and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Becker, of Woodburn, Ind.; Fred Greiner, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Greiner and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hochstetler and family, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Diemer, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Zimmerman, Mr. and Mrs. William Birkey and Miss Ella Birkey, of Morton; Miss Emma Gerig and Myron Brown, of Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Knuth and daughter Charlotte and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Gerig, of Bloomington; Jake Oyer and three daughters, of Deer Creek; Peter Oyer, of Congerville; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Oyer and Chris Smith, of Eureka; Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Oyer, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Oyer, Joe Oyer, Joe Birkey and Lydia Oyer, of Fisher.

DEATHS

Mrs. Katie Gerig Becker, daughter of Joseph and Fannie Gerig, was born Feb. 3, 1865, in Waldo township, near Gridley, Ill., and passed away at her home in Gridley, Friday morning, Oct. 10, at the age of 76 years, 8 months and 7 days. Death came following several years of failing health.

At the age of 22 years she was converted and united with the Salem Mennonite church in which she remained a faithful member until death. She bore her pain and suffering with unusual patience, never losing her faith and trust in God and always willing that His will should be done.

On Nov. 30, 1890, she was married to Christian Becker. This union was blessed with 3 children. One daughter, Lydia, died Oct. 10, 1918, and 2 sons, Aaron of Gridley and Lee of Chicago.

She is also survived by 3 grandchildren and the following brothers and sisters, Lena Zimmerman, Peter Gerig and Chris Gerig of Flanagan; Benj. Gerig of Pontiac; J. M. Gerig, Jacob Gerig, Mrs. Lizzie G. Becker and Mary Gerig, all of Woodburn, Ind., and Emma Gerig of Chicago.

One brother, John, and 2 sisters, Anna and Lydia, preceded her in death.

Funeral services were conducted from the home and the Salem Mennonite Church, Sunday, Oct. 12, in charge of the pastor, H. E. Bertsche.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

On Saturday, Nov. 30, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Becker observed their Golden Wedding anniversary in their home in Gridley, Ill. Dinner was served to the relatives and also to their pastor, Rev. H. E. Bertsche, and Mrs. Bertsche. In the afternoon and evening open house was held. A few short talks and familiar songs were enjoyed by all.

Mr. Becker was born in Germany on Aug. 1, 1869, and came to the United States in 1886. As a young man he was engaged in farming. He united with the Defenseless Mennonite Church in 1887.

Mrs. Becker, formerly Kate Gerig, was born on February 3, 1863, in Waldo township, near Gridley, Ill. She was married to Chris Becker on Nov. 30, 1890, in the Salem Mennonite Church by Rev. Joseph Rediger.

They are the parents of two sons—Aaron, Gridley, and Levi, Chicago. There are three granddaughters.

Becker.—Sister Lydia T. Becker, daughter of Chris and Katie Becker, was born Jan. 10, 1892 in Pike township, Livingston county, Ill., and died at her parents' home near Chenoa, Ill.,

Oct. 10, 1918. The cause of her death was influenza followed by pneumonia; aged 26 years and 9 months. She accepted Christ as her personal Savior at the age of 14 and united with the Defenceless Mennonite church and was a consistent member to her end. She leaves to mourn her early departure her parents and two brothers besides a host of relatives and friends. Funeral services conducted by C. R. Egle and Ben Rupp.

**Joel and Lena
(Gerig)
Zimmerman**

THE FAMILY OF JOEL AND MAGDALENA (GERIG) ZIMMERMAN

MAGDALENA GERIG

m: Mar 2, 1890

b. Oct 17, 1867 d. Apr 30, 1956

Joel Zimmerman

b. Dec 26, 1862 d. Nov 6, 1940

1. Elias Edward Zimmerman
m: Sep 7, 1918
Katherine B. Stucky

b. Feb 1, 1891 d. Apr 18, 1980
b. Jun 6, 1898 d. Aug 13, 1989

2. Ezra Noah Zimmerman
m: Jun 12, 1919
Idella Barbara Staker

b. Sep 17, 1894 d. May 22, 1946
b. Apr 2, 1899 d. Apr 3, 1970

3. Laura Ella Zimmerman
m: Jan 21, 1920
Peter Stucky

b. Sep 8, 1896 d. Nov 14, 1958
b. Jul 18, 1895 d. Jan 7, 1987

4. Alma May Zimmerman

b. May 14, 1900 d. Oct 27, 1986

5. Edna Malinda Zimmerman

b. Mar 26, 1905 d. Dec 8, 1960

ELIAS EDWARD ZIMMERMAN

m: Sep 7, 1918

b. Feb 1, 1891 d. Apr 18, 1980

Katherine B. Stucky

b. Jun 6, 1898 d. Aug 13, 1989

- A. Edwin Joseph Zimmerman
m: Sep 6, 1947
Lois Eileen Hochstetler

b. Dec 5, 1919
b. Mar 8, 1927 d. Dec 12, 1980

1. Phillip Dale Zimmerman
m: Nov 18, 1972
Shirlee Jean Hartter

b. Feb 5, 1950
b. Jan 3, 1954

a. Brad Joseph Zimmerman

b. Apr 22, 1976

b. Scott Phillip Zimmerman

b. Apr 4, 1979

c. Dean Michael Zimmerman

b. Jun 4, 1983

2. Lester Ray Zimmerman
m: Aug 12, 1978
Linda Joy Wittmer

b. Aug 18, 1953

b. Apr 3, 1952

a. Ryan Jay Zimmerman

b. Jun 12, 1982

b. Sara Lois Zimmerman

b. Feb 6, 1985

c. Jodi Kay Zimmerman

b. Jul 1, 1986

3. Esther Kay Zimmerman
m: Aug 25, 1990
Jack Dean Alexander

b. Aug 18, 1953

b. Sep 19, 1949

- B. Orville Wilbur Zimmerman
m: Nov 23, 1956
Juanita Vivian Korta

b. May 28, 1924 d. Sep 27, 1974

b. Dec 14, 1923

a. Barbara Lynn Zimmerman

b. Sep 30, 1959

b. Carol Ann Zimmerman	b. Nov 5, 1961	
m: Aug 10, 1991		
William Eric Litwiller	b. Jul 31, 1959	
(1) Jacob William Litwiller	b. Jan 9, 1996	
(2) Joel Thomas Litwiller	b. Apr 25, 1999	
C. Vernon Kenneth Zimmerman	b. Aug 6, 1928	d. Nov 21, 1996
m: Dec 16, 1967		
Marilyn Ruth Pflederer	b. Mar 15, 1929	d. Feb 15, 1995
Vernon Kenneth Zimmerman		
m: Apr 30, 1996		
Joyce Wiese Parkhill	b. Dec 30, 1933	
EZRA NOAH ZIMMERMAN	b. Sep 17, 1894	d. May 22, 1946
m: Jun 12, 1919		
Idella Barbara Staker	b. Apr 2, 1899	d. Apr 3, 1970
A. Darlene Kathryn Zimmerman	b. Aug 28, 1922	
m: Jan 21, 1945		
Clarence Dale Jensen	b. Jun 6, 1919	d. Aug 7, 1967
1. Cline Reece Jensen	b. Dec 3, 1952	
m: Sep 3, 1977		
Elizabeth Ann Hartsock	b. Jan 10, 1959	
a. Kyleen Nicole Jensen	b. Dec 5, 1978	
b. Rachael Marie Jensen	b. Jun 19, 1980	
B. Verniel Frances Zimmerman	b. Nov 24, 1924	
m: May 11, 1946		
Paul August Koeller	b. May 2, 1919	
1. Jan Paul Koeller	b. Nov 22, 1949	
m: Jun 18, 1971		
Jo Anne Marie Kennedy	b.	
a. Benjamin August Koeller	b. Mar 12, 1973	
b. Julie Marie Koeller	b. May 25, 1976	
Jan Paul Koeller		
m: Jun 25, 1982		
Susan Adele Tuttle	b. Dec 11, 1951	
a. Christopher Charles Koeller	b. Jun 1, 1983	
b. Jennifer Carol Koeller	b. Sep 6, 1986	
2. Grant Harlan Koeller	b. Mar 9, 1954	
m: Aug 8, 1981		
Cynthia Lee Griner	b. Apr 15, 1957	
a. Laura Ann Koeller	b. Feb 19, 1984	
b. Steven Paul Koeller	b. May 8, 1986	

c. Leanne Marie Koeller	b. Jul 3, 1989	
LAURA ELLA ZIMMERMAN	b. Sep 8, 1896	d. Nov 14, 1958
m: Jan 21, 1920		
Peter Stucky	b. Jul 18, 1895	d. Jan 7, 1987
A. Jerald Vernon Stucky	b. Oct 16, 1921	d. Jul 19, 1998
m: Jan 14, 1949		
Betty Jean Block	b. Jan 9, 1925	d. Oct 18, 1990
1. Dallas Jay Stucky	b. May 21, 1953	
m: Mar 6, 1982		
Brenda Lucille Ahrends	b. Feb 15, 1956	
B. Leland Lale Stucky	b. Jul 8, 1926	d. Aug 10, 1975
C. Delite Magdalene Stucky	b. Jan 15, 1928	
ALMA MAY ZIMMERMAN	b. May 14, 1900	d. Oct 27, 1986
EDNA MALINDA ZIMMERMAN	b. Mar 26, 1905	d. Dec 8, 1960



THE ZIMMERMANS

Back: (left to right) Laura, Eli, Ezra
 Front: (left to right) Lena, Alma, Joel, Edna



The Family of Joel and Lena Zimmerman

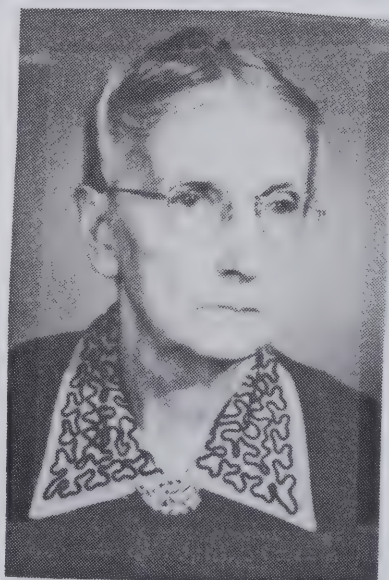
Eli and Katie Zimmerman



Peter and Laura Stucky



Idella and Ezra Zimmerman
Verniel and Darlene



Lena Zimmerman



Alma Zimmerman



Magdalena and Joel Zimmerman



50th Anniversary - 1940

Family of Joel and Magdalena (Gertg) Zimmerman

FRONT: Left to right: Leland Stucky, Vernon Zimmerman; MIDDLE: Left to right: Delite Stucky, Darlene Zimmerman, Joel Zimmerman, Lena Zimmerman, Verniel Zimmerman, Jerald Stucky; BACK: Left to right: Ezra Zimmerman, Idella Zimmerman, Edna Zimmerman, Katie Zimmerman, Eli Zimmerman, Edwin Zimmerman, Alma Zimmerman, Peter Stucky, Laura Stucky, Orville Zimmerman

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

On Saturday, March 2, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Zimmerman observed their golden wedding anniversary in their home in Flanagan, Ill.

Mr. Zimmerman was born 77 years ago about 5 miles southwest of Washington, Illinois. When 3 years of age, he with his parents, brothers and sisters moved to a farm northeast of the present village of Flanagan. At that time the country was prairie and Flanagan was not yet laid out in lots as a village. He also helped build the railroad which passes through here.

Mrs. Zimmerman, formerly Magdalena Gerig, was born 72 years ago in Waldo township. At the time of her marriage she lived with her parents in Pike township several miles southeast of Flanagan. They were married by the Rev. Joseph Rediger in the Salem Church, Waldo township, March 2, 1890.

During all these fifty years they lived in this community. For about 6 years after their marriage they resided on a farm northeast of Flanagan owned by Mr. Zimmerman's father. Then they moved about one-fourth mile farther north on the farm owned by Mr. Zimmerman. In 1919, after nearly 30 years on the farm they moved to their present home in Flanagan which they built that year.

They are the parents of five children, Elias of Peoria, Illinois, R. R. 5; Ezra on the Zimmerman homestead, one and one-half miles northeast of Flanagan; Mrs. Laura Stucky, one and one-half miles east of Flanagan; Alma and Edna at home. They also have eight grandchildren. One thing which was unique is that so far there was no death in the family and all were permitted to attend the anniversary.

Dinner was served to the immediate family—18 in number. In the afternoon invited guests were present. Rev. Bertsche gave a short address appropriate to the occasion, after which refreshments were served.

Their Golden Anniversary

Where time has gone we do not know,
But now it's fifty years ago,
When hand in hand with trembling frame,
They heard the preacher's slow refrain
"With all the laws that govern life
I now pronounce thee man and wife."
They took each other as their own
And started out to make a home.

MRS. ZIMMERMAN DIES MONDAY IN FLANAGAN

Mrs. Lena Zimmerman, 88, of Flanagan, widow of Joel Zimmerman, died at 9.50 p. m. Monday at her home after a long illness.

Born in Waldo township Oct. 17, 1867, she was a daughter of Joseph and Fannie Roth Gerig. She married Mr. Zimmerman March 2, 1890.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Peter Stucky, and Miss Alma and Miss Edna Zimmerman, all of Flanagan; one son, E. E. Zimmerman, Peoria; four brothers, Peter Gerig, Flanagan; Chris of Gridley, Benjamin F. of Pontiac, and J. B. Gerig, Woodburn Ind.; three sisters, Mrs. Mary Gerig and Mrs. H. G. Becker, both of Woodburn, and Miss Emma Gerig, Flanagan; eight grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Her husband, one son, two brothers and two sisters preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p. m. Thursday at the Froelich Memorial home in Flanagan and at 2 p. m. at Salem Mennonite church. Officiating was the Rev. E. M. Roche of Morton. Interment was in Mt. Zion cemetery.

Joel Zimmerman, son of Jacob and Mary Rinkenberger Zimmerman, was born December 26, 1862, about 5 miles southwest of Washington, Illinois. At the age of three years the family moved to a farm north of the present location of Flanagan. He was one of the pioneer residents of this community having lived here before the Illinois Central Railroad was built from Minonk to Kankakee and assisted in building it. He farmed where the village of Flanagan is now located and saw it develop to its present size.

On March 2, 1880, he was united in marriage to Miss Magdalena Gerig, of Waldo township. This union was blessed with two sons and three daughters. After their marriage they resided for 6 years on a farm owned by Mr. Zimmerman's father, one mile northeast of Flanagan, then moving one-fourth mile farther north on their own farm. In 1919, after farming nearly 30 years, they retired to their present home in Flanagan which they had built that year.

On March 2, 1940, they observed their golden wedding anniversary. It was unique that during that time there had been no death in the immediate family and all 18 were present for the occasion.

When he was a young man, 24 years of age, he was converted to God and united with the Salem Mennonite Church of which he remained a faithful member until his death. On Sunday morning he suffered paralytic stroke and after an illness of 3 d he went to his heavenly home having expressed a desire to go there. His came peacefully on November 6, having attained the age of 77 years, 10 months, and 10 days.

He is survived by his sorrowing wife, two sons, and three daughters, Elisa of near Peoria, Illinois; Ezra and Mrs. Laura Stucky of near Flanagan; Alma and Edna at home; 5 grandsons, 3 granddaughters, one sister, Mrs. Fred Fechter of Flanagan, besides a host of relatives and friends. His father, mother, 3 sisters, and 3 brothers preceded him in death.

Our father has gone on before us,
We miss him so much here below;
But he lives in a world that's far better—
With Jesus in Heaven, we know.

And he lives even here in our memories,
As a Christian father and friend;
Who earnestly loved and served Jesus,
And was faithful to Him to the end.

Dear Father, we'll follow your footsteps,
And walk in the path that you trod;
Till we too meet with Jesus and loved ones
In that beautiful City of God.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon, Nov. 9, first at the house then at the Salem Mennonite church. Rev. H. E. Bertsche officiated, being assisted by Rev. E. Locke of the Groveland church. Scripture reading was I Cor. 5:10 and the funeral text, Joshua 24:15. Interment was in Mt. Zion cemetery.

Mrs. Magdalena Zimmerman

Mrs. Magdalena Zimmerman, daughter of Joseph and Fanny Roth Gerig, was born Oct. 17, 1867, in Waldo Township about 6 miles southeast of Flanagan, Illinois. While still a young girl the family moved about four miles northeast to a farm in Pike Township.

In her youth she accepted Christ as her personal Saviour and united with the Evangelical Mennonite Church near her birthplace remaining a faithful member until her death. Her devoted Christian life was a blessing to many. She was always interested in the welfare of her family and in ministering to the needs of others. Especially during her later years she memorized passages of Scripture and at about 86 years of age her favorite hymn, "Jesus Lover of My Soul."

On March 2, 1890, she was united in marriage to Joel Zimmerman of near Flanagan. This union was blest with 5 children. The family lived on the "Zimmerman Homestead," northeast of Flanagan, then in 1919, father, mother and the two younger daughters moved to the present residence in the north part of Flanagan.

Preceding her in death besides her father and mother were three sisters, two brothers, her husband, Nov. 6, 1940, and one son, Ezra, May 22, 1946.

Surviving are one son Elias of R.R. 5, Peoria, three daughters, Alma and Edna, at home, [Laura] Mrs. Peter Stucky of Flanagan, 8 grand children, 7 great-grandchildren, 4 brothers, Peter of Flanagan, Chris of Gridley, Ben of Pontiac, Jacob of Woodburn, Indiana; three sisters, Emma of Flanagan, Mrs. Henry G. Becker and Mrs. Mary Gerig of Woodburn, Ind., in addition to a host of other relatives and friends.

After an illness of about a year, she passed away peacefully at 9:50 p.m. Monday, April 30, to her heavenly home of which she had frequently expressed a desire to go. She attained the age of 88 years, 6 months and 13 days.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, May 3, 1:30 p.m. at the Froelich Memorial Home in Flanagan and at 2 p.m. at the Salem Church. Rev. E. M. Locke from Morton, Illinois, officiated, using Rev. 14:13. Pall bearers were six grandsons. Burial was in Mt. Zion Cemetery.



Mr. E. E. Zimmerman

HONOR TO WHOM HONOR

When a man works for the same company for twenty-five years he is usually honored with a pin or some other token of appreciation. In spite of the fact that he was paid well and regularly he is still duly honored. When a person serves the church for twenty-five years he should be honored, the more so because he did it without being paid it all.

Mr. E. E. Zimmerman, a member of the Groveland, Illinois, EMC church, has served as business manager of the "Evangelical Mennonite" (formerly the "Zions Tidings") for twenty-five years. Perhaps many people were not even aware of the fact that a paper needed a business manager, but Brother Zimmerman did a tremendous amount of work. Every month it was necessary to check and revise the mailing list. When there were new subscriptions they had to be added, expirations taken out, printers' errors corrected, and all of this every month for twenty-five years. In 1933 when he began as business manager, though he

had served previously from 1920-22, the subscription list contained about 800 names, but at the present time there are about 2300 on the list, about half of them from each of the two cooperating conferences. In addition to the mailing list there was the money to be received and disbursed. Until this last year he wrote a receipt for each individual who paid for a subscription. There was advertising to get and charges to be collected. In addition to this he was responsible for the church news section, and the church correspondents know how much encouragement they need from time to time to get in their contributions.

Brother Zimmerman has been a steadying influence during all these years. He served under four editors. They are Rev. Amos Oyer, Rev. H. E. Bertsche, Rev. E. G. Steiner, and Rev. Don Klopfenstein. And he dealt with several printers during the years. First the paper was printed at Berne, Indiana, then at Newton, Kansas, for several years, then back to Berne,

Indiana, and now it is being printed at Grabill, Indiana.

Mr. Zimmerman said that he enjoyed figuring and writing and made this job enjoyable for himself. Though he had a multitude of other things to do he said "one always finds time when he is working." He encourages others to have abilities in any area to them for Christ and his church. It was only after extended cooperation that the Commission on Promotion, EMC, decided to transfer the duties of the business manager to the editor. Because there are 275 miles between the offices of the business manager and the editor it was felt that combining the duties would simplify and expedite the work.

In addition to this way of working, which was the first for Brother Zimmerman in the conference, he has served, and is now serving in many other ways. Since he has been manager of the Christian Life Publications, and his business has grown considerably.

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He is secretary of the board of directors at the Salem Children's Home, a director and past president and vice president of the board of Meadows Mennonite Home, a director of Christian Service Foundation, financial secretary of the Peoria Christian School, and assistant treasurer and a director of the Rural Home Missionary Association. He was also a member of the Commission on Promotion for about twelve years, Conference trustee for two years, and Foreign Missions Treasurer for the Conference for 10 years. In addition to this work away from home he has served long and faithfully in his home church where he is an ordained deacon, he has been church secretary for about 35 years and serves in that capacity, he is Sunday school superintendent for six years, assistant superintendent for six years, and has served several other committees. His work of the church was carried in addition to extensive personal business.

The Commission on Promotion in behalf of the church and especially the readers of the "Evangelical Mennonite," expresses sincere appreciation to our Brother Zimmerman for twenty-five years of faithful, unselfish work frequently went beyond the call of duty. Though he was never seldom thanked, and too frequently criticized, we take this opportunity to give honor to whom honor is due. He has done a difficult job very well.

It is hoped that this example of willing service to Christ and church will encourage others to invest themselves in the work of the Lord. All who are faithful in the little things will be promoted to greater things in due time and will finally hear the blessed words, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of the Lord.'



Mr. and Mrs. Elias E. Zimmerman celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, September 7th. An open house was held in the Groveland Church on Sunday, September 8th.

Katherine Zimmerman

GROVELAND — Katherine B. Zimmerman, 91, of Morton and formerly of Groveland Township died at 1:31 p.m. yesterday (Aug. 13, 1989) at the Apostolic Christian Restmore Inc., Morton. She had been a resident since Nov. 5, 1986.

Her funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Evangelical Mennonite Church, Groveland with the Revs. Jay Minnich and Paul Rupp officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Ludwig-Rohrschneider Mortuary, Morton, and also one hour before the service Wednesday at the church.

Mrs. Zimmerman was born June 6, 1898 in Morton Township, the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Hochstettler Stucky. She married Elias E. Zimmerman Sept. 7, 1918, in Groveland. He died April, 1980.

Survivors include two sons, Edwin, East Peoria and Dr. Vernon K., Champaign; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son.

She was a homemaker, living her adult life in Groveland Township. She was a member of the Evangelical Mennonite Church, Groveland.

Memorials may be made to the Apostolic Christian Restmore, Inc. or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Elias Zimmerman

GROVELAND — Elias E. Zimmerman, 89, R.R. 5, East Peoria, director of Meadows Mennonite Home for 43 years, died at 5:55 p.m. Friday at Morton Manor Nursing Home, Morton.

His funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Groveland Evangelical Mennonite Church, the Rev. Emil Krahn officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. Sunday at Perry Memorial Home, Morton, and from an hour before the service at the church Monday.

He was born Feb. 1, 1891, in Flanagan, a son of Joel and Magdalena Gehrig Zimmerman. He married Katherine Stucky Sept. 17, 1918, in Groveland. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Edwin J., East Peoria, and Vernon K., Champaign; a sister, Alma M. Zimmerman, Flanagan; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A son, a brother and two sisters preceded him in death.

He attended Illinois State University and taught four years at the Salem Children's Home in Flanagan, as well as four years at Flanagan Grade School.

He was a member of the Tazewell County Farm Bureau.

He was director of Rural Home Missionary Association, Morton, for 19 years.

He was Sunday school teacher and superintendent at Groveland Evangelical Mennonite Church.

He also was director of Salem Children's Home.

Memorials may be made to Meadows Mennonite Home, Salem Children's Home or to a charity of the donor's choice.

OBITUARY

Ezra Noah Zimmerman, son of Joel and Magdalena Gerig Zimmerman, was born September 17, 1894, on a farm about 1 mile northeast of Flanagan, Illinois. When about one and one half years of age the family moved to the farm home one fourth mile north of his birthplace where he resided for the next 50 years.

He received his education in the Flanagan public schools. After his education he worked on the "Zimmerman Homestead" for his father. When his parents moved from their residence in 1919 to the village of Flanagan, he continued farming very successfully until his sudden departure.

On June 12, 1919, he was married to Miss Idella Staker of near Morton, Illinois.

For a number of years he was afflicted with a heart ailment yet always with a zeal doing the daily tasks that came before him. About two weeks ago he became ill and a few days later was confined to his bed. On last Tuesday afternoon he was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital in Bloomington, Illinois where he passed away peacefully on Wednesday morning at 1:40 o'clock, May 22, 1946, at the age of 51 years 8 months and 5 days. His father preceded him in death November 6, 1940.

In his youth he became a member of the Salem Mennonite Church of which he remained a faithful member until God took him unto himself. He was a kind and devoted husband and father to his family, always seeking to provide for their comfort and welfare. His jovial disposition, his kind consideration and thoughtfulness of others to help them when help was needed, won for him a wide circle of friends, who will greatly miss him.

Surviving are his devoted wife, Idella, his two daughters, Mrs. Darlene Jensen of Flanagan, and Mrs. Verniel Koeller of Peoria, his mother and three sisters, Edna, Alma, and Mrs. Laura Stucky of Flanagan and one brother, Elias, of near Peoria, Illinois, besides a very large number of relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted May 24 at 1:30 o'clock at the residence and at 2:00 o'clock at the Salem Mennonite Church. Rev. H. E. Bertsche had charge of the services speaking from Amos 4:12 and 5:8. Interment was in Mt. Zion Cemetery.

Mrs. Laura Ella Stucky

Mrs. Laura Ella Zimmerman Stucky, oldest daughter of the late Joel and Magdalena Gerig Zimmerman was born Sept. 8, 1896, about 1½ miles northeast of Flanagan, Illinois on the Zimmerman Homestead.

In her early youth she accepted Christ as her Saviour and later was received by baptism as a member of the Evangelical Mennonite Church about five miles southeast of Flanagan. She remained a faithful member during her lifetime.

On Jan. 21, 1920, she was united in marriage to Peter Stucky from Berne, Indiana. They spent their entire married life on the farm, first several miles northwest from Chenoa, and since 1924, on the present location about two miles east of Flanagan. This marriage was blessed with three children.

She was of a jovial disposition, interested in the welfare of her family, and willing to help others when assistance was needed.

On Oct. 30, she entered Mennonite hospital in Bloomington, Illinois. For the last week she seemed to be improving when suddenly on Friday morning Nov. 14, shortly after eight o'clock she passed away peacefully to be with her Lord whom she loved. She attained the age of 62 years, 2 months, and 6 days.

Surviving are her loving husband, two sons, Jerald of Flanagan and Leland of Streator; one daughter, Delite, R. N. at Mennonite hospital of 519 E. Chestnut St., Bloomington, one grandson, Dallas, one brother Elias of R.R. 5, Peoria, Illinois; two sisters, Alma and Edna of Flanagan, several nieces and nephews, also many other relatives and friends. Preceding her in death were her parents, the father in 1940, the mother in 1956, and one brother, Ezra in 1946.

Peter Stucky

FLANAGAN — Peter Stucky, 91, of 502 S. Jefferson St., died at 10:45 a.m. yesterday (Jan. 7, 1987) at Saint James Hospital, Pontiac.

His funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Salem Mennonite Church, the Rev. George Craig officiating. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery, Flanagan.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Froelich Memorial Home, Flanagan, and one hour before the service Friday at the church.

He was born July 18, 1895, in Morton, a son of Christian N. and Catherine Stuckey Stucky. He married Laura Ella Zimmerman on Jan. 21, 1920, in Flanagan. She died Nov. 14, 1958.

Survivors include one daughter, Delite Stucky, Flanagan; one son, Jerald, Flanagan; one brother, Ezra, Gridley; two sisters, Silva DuBach and Arminda Sommer, both of Berne, Ind.; and one grandchild.

One brother, two sisters and one son preceded him in death.

Mr. Stucky was a member of Salem Mennonite Church. He farmed all his life in the Flanagan area, retiring in 1962.

Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Edna Malinda Zimmerman

Edna Malinda Zimmerman, youngest daughter of Joel and Magdalena Gerig Zimmerman, was born March 26, 1905, 1½ miles N. E. of Flanagan, Illinois.

Her early years were spent on the farm where she was born. In 1919, she with her parents and sister, Alma, moved to the village of Flanagan.

She graduated from the Flanagan grade and high schools, and later attended Illinois State Normal University. She chose as her vocation to be a teacher and taught for 36 years in various schools of Woodford, McLean and Livingston counties. For the last 10 years she taught the 2nd grade in Flanagan. She was highly respected as a teacher and a member of her home community. In a remarkable way she won the affection and confidence of her pupils and their parents.

Early in life she accepted Christ as her Saviour, after which she became a member of the Salem Evangelical Mennonite Church, and remained a faithful member until death. She frequently assisted in Vacation Bible School and other church activities.

For the last few years, she with her sister Alma resided in their newly-built residence in Flanagan.

Several months ago she became ill. About 4 weeks ago she was taken to Cole Hospital in Champaign, Illinois. She endured her illness with patience and a few days before her departure she said that she would not be with us very long. Early Thursday morning, Dec. 8, 1960, at the hospital she passed peacefully to her heavenly home to be with her Lord whom she dearly loved. She attained the age of 55 years, 8 months, and 12 days.

Her father, mother, one brother and one sister preceded her in death. Surviving are one brother, Elias, of RR 5, Peoria, Illinois, one sister Alma of Flanagan, several nieces and nephews, besides, many other relatives and friends.

Dearest sister thou hast left us,
And our loss we deeply feel
For 'tis God who hath bereft us,
He can all our sorrows heal.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday at 1:30 P.M. at the Froelich Memorial Home in Flanagan and at 2:00 P.M. at the Salem Evangelical Mennonite Church. Rev. J. R. Lehman pastor of the church officiated, assisted by Rev. E. M. Rocke of Morton, Illinois. Funeral text Rev. 14:13. Pallbearers were nephews.

Alma Zimmerman

Miss Alma Zimmerman, 86, 205 N. Monroe St., died at 7:45 p.m. Monday, Oct. 27, 1986, at Saint James Hospital, Pontiac.

The funeral will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at Salem Mennonite Church with the Rev. George Craig officiating. The congregation will sing "How Great Thou Art" and Chet Long will sing "My Faith Has Found a Resting Place". Eula Mae Zimmerman will be organist.

Friends may call after 1 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Pallbearers will be Phil Zimmerman, Ray Zimmerman, Jan Koeller, Grant Koeller, Cline Jensen and Dallas Stucky. Burial will be in

Mount Zion Cemetery.

Miss Zimmerman was born May 14, 1900, at Flanagan, a daughter of Joel and Magdalena (Gerig) Zimmerman. She was a member of Salem Mennonite Church and was involved in church activities.

She is survived by three nieces, Mrs. Paul (Verniel) Koeller, Mrs. Darlene Jensen and Delite Stucky and three nephews, Gerald Stucky, Edwin Zimmerman, Morton and Vernon Zimmerman of Champaign.

Two brothers and two sisters preceded her in death.

The family suggests memorials to Salem Mennonite Church or of the donor's choice.

Vernon Zimmerman

GROVELAND — Vernon Zimmerman, 68, of Champaign, formerly of the Groveland area, died at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21, 1996, at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana.

Born Aug. 6, 1928, in Groveland to Elias E. and Katherine B. Stucky Zimmerman, he married Marilyn Pflederer in 1967. She preceded him in death. He married Joyce Wiese Parkhill. She survives.

Also surviving are one brother, Edwin of rural Morton; and five nieces and nephews. One brother preceded him in death. He was dean of the University of Illinois College of Commerce and Business Administration since 1971. He became a full professor in accounting in 1962.

Since retiring in 1992, he continued to serve as director of the Center for International Education and Research in Accounting at the university and was coordinator of international programs.

In 1962, he organized the accounting system for the newly formed Peace Corps in Washington, D.C.

He earned his bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees from the U of I. He was active with the Army Audit Agency in the San Antonio area and worked for Price Waterhouse.

He was a Fulbright professor in the Graduate School of Business in Vienna, Austria, from 1960 to 1961. He held a Guggenheim Fellowship from 1965 to 1966 for research in the history of European accounting. He received an honorary doctorate of commercial science from Suffolk University in Boston.

He was coordinator of the Tunisian Business Education Contract from 1967 to 1975 and of the World Bank Contract in Business Education for Bangladesh from 1983 to 1989. He was a consultant to the World Bank in Sudan and for the International Labor Organization in Malawi.

He was editor of the International Journal of Accounting since its founding 30 years ago.

He was an active member of Illinois Power Co.'s board of directors since 1973. He was director of Clark Lindsey Village in Urbana. He was past director of Busey Bank and First Busey Corp., both in Champaign, Champaign National Bank, National Bank of Urbana, HCA Inc. and Touche Ross Aid to Education Foundation in Champaign.

He was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Urbana.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at his church, where friends will be received one hour earlier and immediately after the service. Private graveside services will in Mount Hope Cemetery in Tremont.

Arrangements are by Mitten-dorf-Calvert Funeral Home, Champaign Chapel.

Memorials may be made to U of I Foundation or his church.

Joseph M. and Mary
(Zimmerman)

Gerig

THE FAMILY OF JOSEPH M. AND MARY (ZIMMERMAN) GERIG

JOSEPH M. GERIG		b. Jun 30, 1869	d. May 10, 1954
m: Apr 19, 1892			
Mary Zimmerman		b. Jan 16, 1871	d. Jun 21, 1956
1.	Ella Leah Gerig	b. Jan 25, 1893	d. May 6, 1969
	m: Jun 1, 1919		
	Henry Gerig	b. Jul 23, 1889	d. Oct 8, 1964
2.	Elmer Ezra Gerig	b. Jun 8, 1895	d. Mar 9, 1977
	m: May 15, 1918		
	Mary Ann Steiner	b. May 21, 1894	d. Dec 11, 1918
3.	Clara Esther Gerig	b. Aug 8, 1897	d. Dec 27, 1990
	m: Jan 30, 1918		
	Jesse Andrew Yaggy	b. Jun 29, 1896	d. Jun 3, 1990
4.	Noah Joel Gerig	b. Dec 15, 1899	d. May 8, 1991
	m: Dec 28, 1922		
	Elsie Mae Ehresman	b. Sep 5, 1899	d. Oct 4, 1960
5.	Daniel Amos Gerig	b. Feb 19, 1902	d. Oct 25, 1981
	m: Jan 23, 1924		
	Wanda Berneice Miller	b. Jul 29, 1902	d. Aug 8, 1985
ELLA LEAH GERIG		b. Jan 25, 1893	d. May 6, 1969
m: Jun 1, 1919			
Henry Gerig		b. Jul 23, 1889	d. Oct 8, 1964
A.	Lester Joseph Gerig	b. Mar 14, 1924	
	m: Sep 9, 1943		
	Waneta Inez DeWitte	b. Dec 4, 1924	
1.	Lester Joseph Gerig, Jr.	b. Dec 8, 1943	
	m: Nov 16, 1963		
	Vicki Lynn Nern	b. Aug 5, 1947	
a.	Lori Ann Gerig	b. May 13, 1964	
	m: Apr 9, 1988		
	Brian Lee Chronster	b. Mar 7, 1963	
	(1) Aaron Paul Chronster	b. Aug 29, 1991	
	(2) Matthew Brian Chronster	b. Jun 6, 1994	
	(3) Kyle Brandon Chronster	b. Aug 19, 1998	
b.	Mark Allen Gerig	b. Nov 26, 1965	
	m: May 23, 1992		
	Jenny Lynn Durbin	b. Aug 25, 1971	
c.	Robyn Lynn Gerig	b. Nov 14, 1967	
	m: May 10, 1984		
	Richard Loren Miller	b. Oct 23, 1964	
	(1) Ryan Christopher Miller	b. Dec 19, 1983	
	(2) Adam Trent Miller	b. Oct 20, 1985	

d. Todd Alan Gerig	b. Apr 10, 1971	
m: Jul 29, 1989		
Julie Ann Gilbert	b. Jul 14, 1971	
(1) Todd Alan Gerig	b. Apr 30, 1990	
(2) Katie Lynn Gerig	b. Jan 22, 1993	d. Sep 22, 1993
(3) Brook Nicole Gerig	b. Nov 17, 1994	
2. Connie Sue Gerig	b. Sep 13, 1945	
m: Apr 2, 1966		
Melvin Theodore Downs	b. Feb 23, 1940	
a. Michelle Lee Downs	b. Mar 9, 1976	
b. Bradley Joe Downs	b. Jun 15, 1978	
3. Dean Allen Gerig	b. Jan 25, 1947	
m: Aug 14, 1966		
Diana Lynn Madden	b. Mar 23, 1948	
a. Denise Renee Gerig	b. Jul 21, 1967	
m: Aug 18, 1989		
Paul Alan Northup	b. Jul 25, 1963	
(1) Tiffany Renee Northup	b. Sep 8, 1989	
(2) Austin Paul Northup	b. Jan 26, 1996	
b. Douglas Allen Gerig	b. Nov 25, 1970	
Dean Allen Gerig		
m: Oct 9, 1976		
Rita Jayne Roe	b. May 9, 1951	
Dean Allen Gerig		
m: Apr 3, 1987		
Cheryle Jane Sorg	b. Apr 13, 1958	
(1) Jennifer Lynn Sorg	b. Jan 29, 1978	
(a) Alexandra Lyn Hatton	b. Jun 10, 1998	
(2) Terry Joseph Gerig	b. Dec 8, 1988	
(3) Zachary Allen Gerig	b. Mar 9, 1990	
4. Terry Lee Gerig	b. Apr 2, 1948	
m: Jan 27, 1968		
Gwen Lee Purk	b. Aug 8, 1950	
a. Bobbie Jo Gerig	b. May 15, 1968	
b. Terri Lee Gerig	b. Sep 4, 1970	
m: Oct 9, 1993		
Steve Douglas Kortokrax	b. Dec 31, 1968	
Terry Lee Gerig		
m: Feb 16, 1995		

Margaret Marie Tolliver	b. Oct 22, 1950
a. Breanne Tolliver	b. Jan 2, 1981
5. Gloria Jean Gerig	b. Jun 14, 1951
m: Jul 10, 1971	
Orieon Donald Clayton	b. Sep 2, 1949
a. Jeffery Alan Clayton	b. Nov 30, 1970
m:	
Tiffany Elizabeth Fritz	
b. Marc Robert Clayton	b. Jun 17, 1976
c. Michael Orieon Clayton	b. Nov 6, 1981
6. Randy Joe Gerig	b. Mar 2, 1954
m: Mar 2, 1974	
Rebecca Kaye Hughes	b. May 26, 1954
a. Jason Lee Gerig	b. Dec 22, 1975
m: Oct 18, 1997	
Jennifer Gail Dubbins	b. Sep 15, 1975
b. Amy Jo Gerig	b. Dec 18, 1977
c. Christine Marie Gerig	b. May 21, 1980
m: Sep 18, 1999	
Aaron Wayne Abbott	b. Jun 13, 1975
(1) Lia Marie Gerig	b. Apr 2, 1998
Randy Joe Gerig	
m: Jul 17, 1993	
Irene Louise Bradtmueller	b. Jun 15, 1957
a. Shawn Lee Bradtmueller	b. Nov 6, 1979
b. Shane Alan Bradtmueller	b. Apr 9, 1982
7. Dennis Lee Gerig	b. Jun 22, 1955
m: Mar 27, 1975	
Merry Anne Meglich	b. Oct 23, 1955
a. Jaime Inez Gerig	b. Oct 22, 1976
m: Jun 19, 1997	
Dan Robert Kuhn	b. Sep 11, 1975
(1) Hannah Nicole Kuhn	b. Nov 13, 1997
B. Annabelle Mae Gerig	b. May 11, 1929
m: Jun 28, 1947	
Robert Wayne Bollier	b. May 3, 1925
1. Nancy Ann Bollier	b. Aug 21, 1949
m: Feb 20, 1970	
David Karl Haberkorn	b. Sep 20, 1947
a. Erik David Haberkorn	b. Jul 12, 1970
m: Apr 30, 1994	

Lisa Kay Hicks	b.	Sep 30, 1969	
(1) Treg David Haberkorn	b.	Apr 24, 1995	
b. Tera Kay Haberkorn	b.	Apr 18, 1975	
Nancy Ann Haberkorn			
m: Dec 1, 1978			
Gary Lynn Meinerding	b.	Jun 9, 1947	
2. William Henry Bollier	b.	Jan 16, 1952	
m: Jun 9, 1973			
Vicki Jo Gerbers	b.	Dec 12, 1953	
a. Lindsey Rae Bollier	b.	Jan 7, 1978	
b. Sidney Jo Bollier	b.	Aug 30, 1981	
c. Kasey Kristine Bollier	b.	Nov 23, 1986	
3. Kay Marie Bollier	b.	Apr 9, 1957	
m: Aug 27, 1977			
Gary Lynn Remenschneider	b.	Feb 26, 1957	
a. Tiana Marie Remenschneider	b.	Dec 12, 1980	
b. Garrett Robert Remenschneider	b.	Jan 6, 1984	
c. Haley Korine Remenschneider	b.	Sep 9, 1987	
Henry Gerig			
m: Mar 13, 1913			
Carrie Rupp	b.	Aug 28, 1886	d. Jul 27, 1918
A. Alvin Henry Gerig	b.	Jan 24, 1914	
m: May 9, 1943			
Velma Loretta Mooney	b.	Mar 23, 1919	d. Jun 18, 1997
1. Lynn Alvin Gerig	b.	Jan 24, 1947	
m: Mar 2, 1968			
Sharon Jean Whittern	b.	Oct 30, 1946	
a. Jeanne Marie Gerig	b.	Aug 23, 1969	
m: Jun 8, 1991			
Nathan Todd Peters	b.	Jul 18, 1970	
(1) Talia Rose Peters	b.	Jun 3, 1997	
b. Michael Lynn Gerig	b.	Oct 30, 1972	
m: Aug 24, 1996			
Andrea Lynn Cummings	b.	Sep 11, 1973	
(1) Abigail Fiona Gerig	b.	Jul 2, 1998	
2. Doris Ann Gerig	b.	Nov 6, 1950	
m: Dec 2, 1972			
Mark William Shramo	b.		
a. Mark William Stephen Shramo	b.	Apr 4, 1977	

Doris Ann Shramo		
m: Jun 27, 1981		
Michael James Johnson	b. Jun 28, 1952	
a. Michelle Lane Johnson	b. Jan 28, 1973	
b. James Glen Johnson	b. Aug 15, 1974	
c. Mark Stephen Johnson	b. Apr 4, 1977	
d. Christie Lynn Johnson	b. Jul 25, 1985	
e. Sara Nicole Johnson	b. Aug 1, 1988	d. May 25, 1994
B. Garnet Mae Gerig	b. Aug 20, 1917	d. Oct 2, 1917
ELMER EZRA GERIG	b. Jun 8, 1895	d. Mar 9, 1977
m: May 15, 1918		
Mary Ann Steiner	b. May 21, 1894	d. Dec 11, 1988
A. Norman Leon Gerig	b. Nov 2, 1924	
m: Jan 6, 1946		
Mary Lou Williamson	b. Dec 8, 1926	d. Nov 27, 1993
1. Kathleen Ann Gerig	b. Oct 28, 1949	
m: Mar 25, 1972		
Stephen Mark Bowman	b. Nov 25, 1943	
a. Jennifer Ann Bowman	b. Sep 28, 1977	
b. Jill Stephanie Bowman	b. Dec 1, 1979	
c. David Mark Bowman	b. Apr 9, 1982	
2. Gail Lynn Gerig	b. Mar 30, 1953	
m: Jun 15, 1974		
Gregory Dean Bratton	b. May 9, 1953	
a. Matthew Brandon Bratton	b. Aug 14, 1983	
b. Janie Crystal Bratton	b. Aug 1, 1985	
3. Michael Wayne Gerig	b. Aug 14, 1956	
m: Jun 3, 1984		
Luanne Betz	b. Oct 22, 1955	
a. Adam Michael Gerig	b. Nov 8, 1985	
b. Angela Britton Gerig	b. Nov 8, 1985	
Michael Wayne Gerig		
m: Oct 25, 1997		
Thoma Lynn Smith	b. Sep 13, 1960	
Norman Leon Gerig		
m: Dec 11, 1998		
Chris Madden	b. Sep 7, 1926	
B. Janice Marceil Gerig	b. Oct 26, 1934	
m: Feb 11, 1956		

Andrew Delagrang	b. Sep 30, 1926	d. Feb 11, 1989
1. Penny Sue Delagrang	b. May 13, 1957	
m: Oct 31, 1976		
Stephen Paul Nelson	b. Aug 2, 1956	
a. Neil Andrew Nelson	b. Apr 20, 1990	
b. Neicole Marion Nelson	b. Apr 15, 1994	
CLARA ESTHER GERIG	b. Aug 8, 1898	d. Dec 27, 1990
m: Jan 30, 1918		
Jesse Andrew Yaggy	b. Jun 29, 1896	d. Jun 3, 1990
A. Loretta Jane Yaggy	b. Dec 11, 1931	
m: Mar 31, 1951		
Kenneth Charles Fiedler	b. Jul 10, 1931	d. Mar 29, 1996
1. Keith Allen Fiedler	b. Oct 19, 1951	
m: Nov 25, 1978		
Jan Latella	b. Nov 22, 1951	
a. Logan Cae Fiedler	b. Jun 28, 1982	
b. Derek Alan Fiedler	b. Mar 5, 1985	
2. Ricky Lynn Fiedler	b. Dec 4, 1953	
m: Oct 28, 1972		
Joyce Bruns	b. Nov 23, 1953	
a. Shawn Patrick Fiedler	b. Jan 2, 1973	d. Jan 31, 1973
b. Autum Christina Fiedler	b. Sep 30, 1980	
3. Michael Duane Fiedler	b. Jan 23, 1955	d. Mar 20, 1996
m: Aug 6, 1977		
Deborah Ehle	b. May 4, 1955	
a. Garth Andrew Fiedler	b. Feb 8, 1982	
b. Dane Edward Fiedler	b. Oct 16, 1984	
4. Kevin Brian Fiedler	b. Aug 5, 1965	
m: Aug 16, 1987		
Lisa Brunson	b. Apr 27, 1965	
NOAH JOEL GERIG	b. Dec 15, 1899	d. May 8, 1991
m: Dec 28, 1922		
Elsie Mae Ehresman	b. Sep 5, 1899	d. Oct 4, 1960
A. Emerald Dale Gerig	b. Jul 31, 1925	
m: Jun 18, 1949		
Gwendolyn Irene Sommerville	b. Oct 23, 1926	
1. Emily Ann Gerig	b. Feb 3, 1951	
m: Nov 6, 1971		
David Ellis Skinner	b. Oct 12, 1950	
a. Matthew David Skinner	b. Mar 16, 1973	

b. Timothy John Skinner	b. Sep 15, 1978
c. Daniel Paul Skinner	b. Feb 18, 1980
2. Gregory Lee Gerig m: Jun 18, 1977 Patricia Lengacher	b. Nov 27, 1954 b. Aug 10, 1955
a. Jessica Lee Gerig	b. Oct 6, 1984
b. Noah Joel Gerig II	b. May 9, 1986
3. Onalee Irene Gerig m: Aug 4, 1979 Kevin Michael Giggy	b. Feb 13, 1957 b. Sep 21, 1957
a. Darrin Michael Giggy	b. May 8, 1986
b. Rachelle Elizabeth Giggy	b. Aug 19, 1989
B. Merle Leon Gerig m: Aug 9, 1952 Eloise Elizabeth Klaehn	b. Mar 22, 1927 b. May 16, 1931
1. Jacqueline Sue Gerig m: Jan 13, 1973 Ronald Edward Bandelier	b. Jan 21, 1954 b. Apr 27, 1951
a. Alisa Michele Bandelier m: Jun 20, 1998 Denis Michael Cahill	b. Jul 11, 1973 b. May 28, 1976
(1) Devin Michael Cahill	b. May 10, 1996
b. Sean Michael Bandelier m: Oct 16, 1998 Brandie Lee Christman	b. Sep 21, 1977 b. Jul 20, 1974
2. Dean Leon Gerig m: Aug 13, 1977 Linda Kay Schleiser	b. Jan 27, 1957 b. Mar 27, 1957
a. Tyler Leon Gerig	b. Jun 9, 1982
b. Brady Christopher Gerig	b. Sep 16, 1985
c. Shaina Nicole Gerig	b. Sep 16, 1987
d. Cody Austin Gerig	b. Jan 18, 1992
e. Dylan Lucas Gerig	b. Feb 28, 1997
3. Jill Marie Gerig m: Nov 2, 1985 Neil Fredrick Richter	b. Aug 28, 1958 b. Feb 12, 1958
a. Andrew Wayne Richter	b. Dec 28, 1989
b. Kelli Marie Richter	b. Apr 16, 1993

4. Denise Louise Gerig	b. Mar 4, 1962	
m: Aug 9, 1997		
Donald Gilbert Ecker, Jr.	b. Nov 1, 1956	
C. Eloise Joan Gerig	b. Sep 6, 1931	
m: Aug 25, 1956		
Gerald Eugene Thorne	b. Mar 27, 1931	
1. Susan Lynne Thorne	b. Aug 31, 1958	
m: Jul 27, 1985		
Brian Wyndham Pottle	b. Apr 12, 1960	
a. Casey Lyn Pottle	b. Jun 28, 1989	
b. Cara Grace Pottle	b. Jul 4, 1993	
c. Haley Michelle Pottle	b. Feb 15, 1996	
d. Joanne Wyndham Pottle	b. Feb 15, 1996	
2. Michael Curtis Thorne	b. Mar 12, 1963	
m: May 28, 1988		
Julia Elizabeth Little	b. Apr 21, 1966	
a. James Michael Thorne	b. May 8, 1992	
b. Cynthia Joy Thorne	b. Jan 11, 1994	
c. Elizabeth Hope Thorne	b. Nov 12, 1996	
DANIEL AMOS GERIG	b. Feb 19, 1902	d. Oct 25, 1981
m: Jan 23, 1924		
Wanda Berneice Miller	b. Jul 29, 1902	d. Aug 8, 1985
A. Evelyn Marie Gerig	b. Jan 10, 1925	
m: Jul 29, 1944		
Carl Bernard Klaus	b. Jul 24, 1921	d. Feb 25, 1983
1. Terry Lee Klaus	b. Apr 28, 1945	
m: Sep 10, 1966		
Cheryl Maxine Fudge	b. Dec 6, 1945	
a. Stacey Lyn Klaus	b. Mar 18, 1967	
m: Dec 23, 1989		
Douglas Carter Pickford	b. Sep 3, 1960	
Terry Lee Klaus		
m: Oct 23, 1971		
Joy Elizabeth Williamson	b. Jan 16, 1944	
a. Randy James Klaus	b. Jul 6, 1960	
m: Jun 16, 1991		
Michelle Ann Wayland	b. Sep 8, 1967	
b. Brian Kacey Klaus	b. Dec 22, 1962	
m: Aug 1983		
Christiana Ann Schmansky	b. Sep 6, 1964	
(1) Brandon Joseph Klaus	b. Nov 4, 1983	

(2) Kacie Lyn Klaus	b. Aug 18, 1991	
2. Deanna Marie Klaus	b. Jul 31, 1947	
m: Sep 9, 1967		
John Wayne Wilson	b. Feb 15, 1945	
a. Denise Marie Wilson	b. Jan 1, 1969	
m: Sep 15, 1990		
Timothy John Reese	b. Oct 25, 1968	
(1) Rhobyn Rhaquel Reese	b. Aug 23, 1993	
(2) Rhyan Christopher Reese	b. Jun 2, 1995	
Deanna Marie Wilson		
m: Mar 19, 1976		
David Michael Gardner	b. Aug 10, 1953	
a. Jason Michael Gardner	b. Jun 21, 1977	
3. Jannette Louise Klaus	b. May 10, 1949	
m: Jan 25, 1969		
Anthony Richard Kozitza	b. Sep 12, 1945	
a. Rachael Marie Kozitza	b. Aug 24, 1971	
m: Jun 29, 1996		
Brian Michael Jaster	b. May 6, 1970	
(1) Eric Michael Jaster	b. Nov 21, 1997	
b. Ryan Anthony Kozitza	b. Dec 1, 1974	
c. Justin Wade Kozitza	b. Apr 18, 1976	
3. Richard Carl Klaus	b. Sep 12, 1951	d. Sep 15, 1951
B. Delores Mary Gerig	b. Nov 24, 1927	
m: May 3, 1947		
William Robert Hawk	b. Jul 10, 1928	d. Dec 3, 1973
1. Robert Joe Hawk	b. May 12, 1948	
m: Dec 1, 1970		
Cindy Lou Chandler	b. Sep 2, 1949	
a. Robert Lane Hawk	b. Aug 21, 1969	
b. William Russell Hawk	b. Oct 22, 1971	
c. Andrew Jacob Hawk	b. Oct 13, 1978	
m: Feb 7, 1998		
Clesa Marie Bannerman	b. Nov 19, 1979	
2. Dennis Allen Hawk	b. May 12, 1949	
m: Jun 1967		
Sharon Colleen Frank	b. Apr 14, 1949	
a. Brian Russell Hawk	b. Feb 26, 1968	
m: Oct 19, 1991		
Timmi Nicole Hurt	b. Sep 7, 1971	

(1) Matthew Allen Hawk	b. Apr 3, 1992	
Brian Russell Hawk		
m: Nov 9, 1996		
Heather Lee Gwaley	b. Mar 3, 1971	
(1) William Russell Hawk	b. Apr 3, 1998	
Dennis Allen Hawk		
m: Dec 22, 1973		
Patricia Ann Roadruck	b. Apr 9, 1947	
3. Jenelle Annette Hawk	b. Jul 19, 1951	
m: Mar 5, 1977		
Jacob Charles Griesinger	b. Mar 23, 1942	
a. Dee Ann Griesinger	b. Apr 23, 1965	
m: May 15, 1993		
James Alfred Shutt	b. May 15, 1993	
b. Donna Jean Griesinger	b. Nov 12, 1971	
c. David Charles Griesinger	b. Dec 25, 1972	d. Jul 4, 1984
e. Janeen Marie Griesinger	b. Jul 25, 1979	
f. Jacob Keith Griesinger	b. Mar 28, 1981	
4. Bonita Jane Hawk	b. Sep 14, 1952	
m: Sep 29, 1973		
Russell Anthony Brown	b. Aug 15, 1952	
a. Jessica Lynne Brown	b. Jun 29, 1975	
(1) Zachary Andrew Brown	b. Jan 30, 1997	
b. Jennifer Elaine Brown	b. Mar 28, 1978	
c. Andrea Jane Brown	b. Sep 3, 1979	
Bonita Jane Brown		
m: Jun 16, 1984		
Michael Everett Lenhart	b. Jun 12, 1953	
a. Kellie Brianne Lenhart	b. Jul 21, 1979	
b. Daniel Ryan Lenhart	b. Jul 24, 1980	
5. Lynette Dee Hawk	b. Mar 2, 1956	
m: Jul 7, 1984		
Jerry Vincent Gerace	b. Aug 11, 1943	
a. Pamela Sue Gerace	b. Nov 15, 1964	
m: Sep 29, 1990		
Kevin Lynn Kirkland	b. Sep 21, 1965	
(1) Ronnie Sue Kirkland	b. Dec 12, 1992	
b. Jacquelyn Sue Gerace	b. Sep 25, 1968	
m: Jun 6, 1987		

Douglas Lee Scalf	b. Sep 5, 1965
(1) Ashley Rose Scalf	b. Oct 1, 1991
(2) Lindsey Sue Scalf	b. May 21, 1995
6. Keith Stanley Hawk	b. Sep 12, 1962
m: Dec 26, 1992	
Daphne Jayne (Hay) Miller	b. Jan 21, 1963
a. Haylie Anne Hawk	b. Dec 19, 1994
b. Rebecca Kathryn Miller	b. Oct 28, 1983
c. Jacob Thomas Miller	b. Jun 20, 1985
Delores Mary Hawk	
m: Jun 6, 1975	
Roger Mack Arthur	b. Jul 24, 1926
1. Dennis Ray Arthur	b. Aug 4, 1951
m: Aug 26, 1972	
Laura Louise Meyers	b. Jul 2, 1951
a. Vicki Michelle Arthur	b. Oct 4, 1975
m: Jun 22, 1996	
Gregory Lewis Helser	b. Nov 27, 1972
b. Karyn Renee Arthur	b. Sep 16, 1978
c. Tina Marie Arthur	b. Oct 25, 1980
d. Michael Paul Arthur	b. Jun 15, 1983
2. Carol Elaine Arthur	b. Aug 20, 1953
m: Jan 12, 1974	
Steven Ray Clum	b. Dec 29, 1954
a. Matthew Ryan Clum	b. Nov 30, 1979
b. Kendra Jo Clum	b. Jul 10, 1982
3. Deborah Lynn Arthur	b. Jul 22, 1954
m: Aug 18, 1974	
Leland Doyt Yoakam	b. Jun 20, 1955
a. Amanda Marie Yoakam	b. Mar 28, 1980
b. Jennifer Lee Yoakam	b. May 28, 1982
4. Barbara Jo Arthur	b. Mar 13, 1958
m: Nov 4, 1980	
Steven Ray Gudakunst	b. Aug 31, 1955
a. Angela Jo Gudakunst	b. Apr 4, 1981
b. Keith Allan Gudakunst	b. Jun 4, 1982
c. Heather Nicole Gudakunst	b. Sep 20, 1983

C.	Cletus LeVon Gerig	b.	Sep 19, 1929	
	m: Aug 20, 1950			
	Barbara Josephine Terral	b.	Feb 26, 1934	
1.	Deborah Leigh Gerig	b.	Oct 12, 1955	
	m:			
	John T. Griffiths	b.	Apr 23, 1947	
a.	Daniel Scott Griffiths	b.	Oct 18, 1976	
	m: Dec 17, 1994			
	Shiela Fix	b.		
	(1) Danika Elizabeth Griffiths	b.	Dec 10, 1996	
	Deborah Leigh Griffiths			
	m: Dec 18, 1981			
	Marland L. Whaley	b.		
a.	Kendra Leigh Whaley	b.	Jan 7, 1984	
b.	Kiah Jo Whaley	b.	Jul 17, 1986	
2.	Jeffrey Brian Gerig	b.	Mar 27, 1958	
	m: Apr 7, 1979			
	Marcia Loftus	b.	Jan 20, 1960	
a.	Brandon Jake Gerig	b.	Aug 22, 1984	
	Jeffrey Brian Gerig			
	m: Feb 24, 1994			
	Patricia Jo	b.		
a.	Megan Gerig	b.	Jul 20, 1989	
b.	Christopher Gerig	b.	Oct 8, 1993	
3.	David Clete Gerig	b.	Feb 7, 1960	
	m: Apr 7, 1986			
	Cynthia Richardson	b.		
a.	David Raymond Gerig	b.	Mar 13, 1985	
b.	Johanna Lee Gerig	b.	Mar 22, 1988	
c.	Jesseca Lee Gerig	b.	May 7, 1991	
d.	Jaiden Lee Gerig	b.	Feb 26, 1995	
D.	Carol Bernice Gerig	b.	Jun 3, 1934	d. Apr 27, 1987
	m: Oct 20, 1952			
	David Lee Heffner	b.	Apr 4, 1934	
1.	Michael Lee Heffner	b.	Dec 14, 1953	
	m: Mar 18, 1973			
	Velma Lyn Murphy	b.	Apr 18, 1954	d. Mar 16, 1995
	Michael Lee Heffner			
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	Janie Kay Larson	b.	Nov 16, 1950	

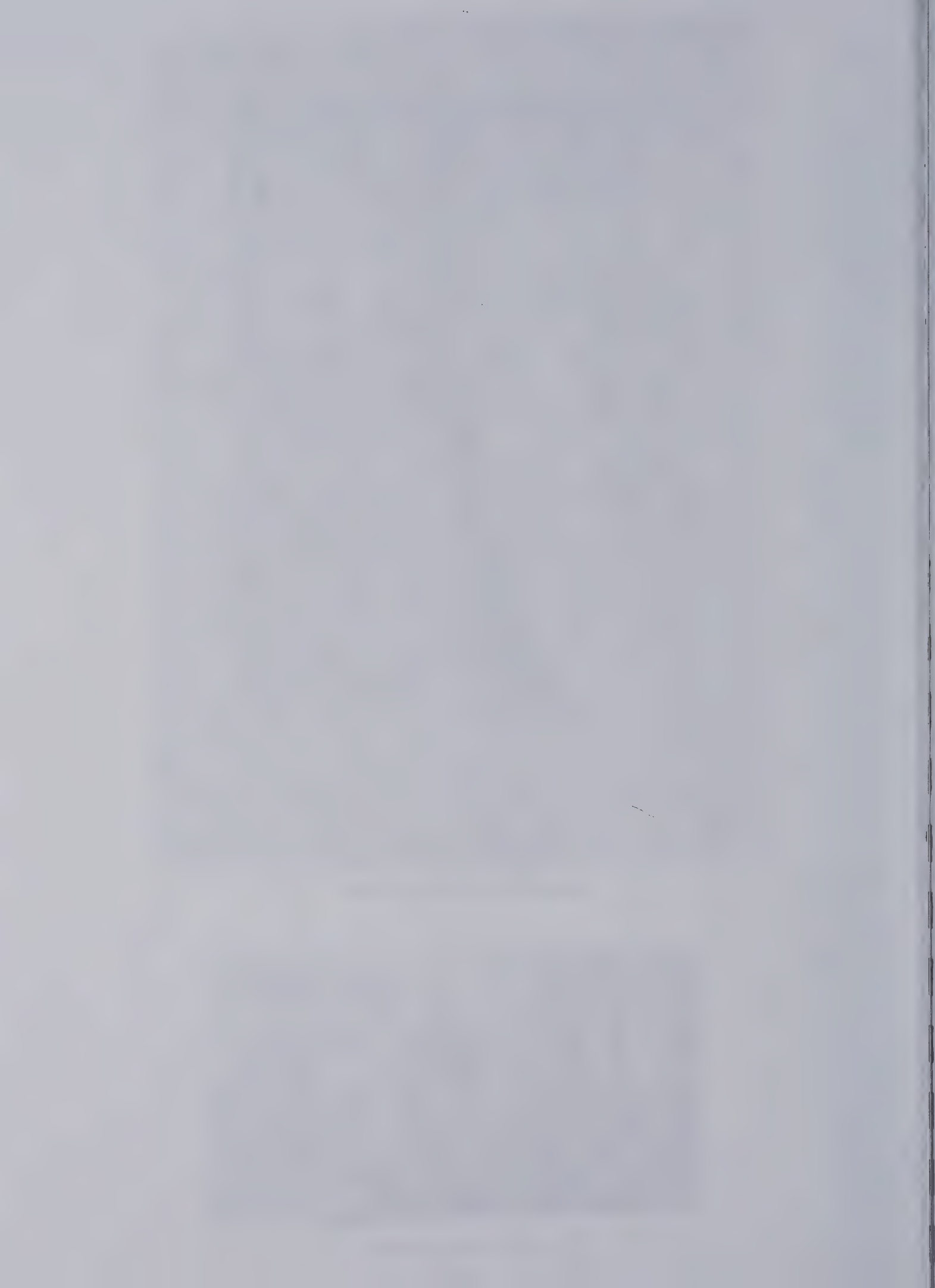
a.	Michelle Marie Larson	b.	Aug 31, 1976	
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b.	Zachary David Heffner	b.	Nov 3, 1995	
2.	Julia Bernice Heffner	b.	Jul 9, 1956	
	m: Jul 3, 1975			
	Michael Mohrhauser	b.	Dec 13, 1955	
a.	Christina Bernice Mohrhauser	b.	May 13, 1976	
	m: Jul 9, 1996			
	J.W. Harker			
	(1) James Patrick Harker	b.	Aug 14, 1996	
b.	Matthew Aaron Rodriguez	b.	May 9, 1990	
	Julia Bernice Mohrhauser			
	m: May 21, 1993			
	Damon Brasswell	b.	Jun 29, 1963	
a.	Lindsey Brasswell	b.	May 27, 1996	
3.	Russell Dean Heffner	b.	Mar 18, 1960	
	m: May 13, 1989			
	Davene Marches	b.	Jun 4, 1967	
a.	Jackie Nichole Heffner	b.	Apr 17, 1987	
b.	Carolyn Suzanne Heffner	b.	Mar 22, 1990	
c.	Laura Christine Heffner	b.	Feb 24, 1993	
E.	Karen Sue Gerig	b.	Mar 18, 1943	
	m: Sep 23, 1963			
	Richard Dean Schaffer	b.	Nov 09, 1941	
a.	Frank Alan Schaffer	b.	Apr 18, 1969	
b.	Michael Scott Schaffer	b.	Mar 29, 1971	
	Daniel Amos Gerig			
	m:			
	Lula Marguerite Gearhart	b.	May 10, 1908	d.
	Daniel Amos Gerig			
	m: Jun 20, 1968			
	Verda C. Reynolds	b.	Jun 16, 1903	d.



Joseph M. and Mary Gerig



The J.M. Gerig Family





THE J.M. GERIG FAMILY
Left to right: Clara, Mary, Ella, Daniel, Elmer, Joseph, Noah



The Indiana Farm of J.M. and Mary Gerig



Left to right: Daniel, Ella, Mary, Noah, Joseph, Clara, Elmer



Left to right: Daniel, Clara, Noah, Ella, Elmer
Front: Mary and J.M.



Mary and J.M. Gerig



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Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Gerig

*will celebrate their
Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary
on Sunday, April twentieth
nineteen hundred fifty-two
at their home in
Woodburn, Indiana
with open house from two to four
in the afternoon*

Mary and J.M. Gerig



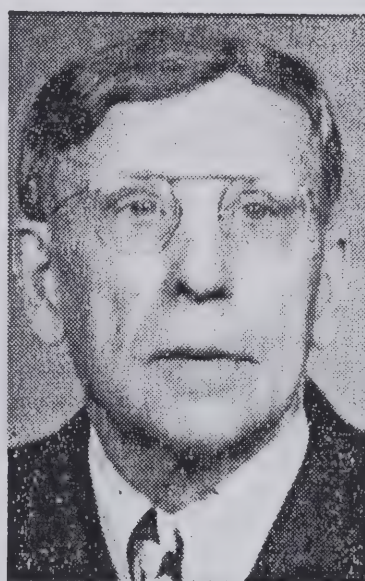
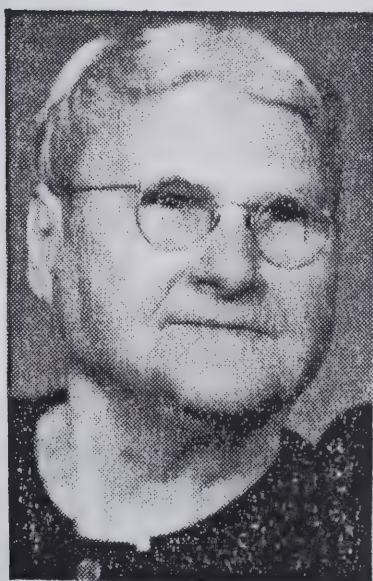
50th Anniversary - 1942

Family of J.M. and Mary (Zimmerman) Gerig

FRONT: Left to right: Janice Gerig, Annabelle Gerig, Cletus Gerig, Loretta Yaggy, Eloise Gerig, Carol Gerig. MIDDLE: Left to right: Elmer Gerig, Ella Gerig, J.M. Gerig, Mary Gerig, Clara Yaggy, Noah Gerig, Daniel Gerig. BACK: Left to right: Mary Gerig, Norman Gerig, Henry Gerig, Alvin Gerig, Merle Gerig, Evelyn Gerig, Delores Gerig, Jesse Yaggy.



Jesse and Clara (Gerig) Yaggy



Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Gerig

WILL MARK 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY — Mr. and J. M. Gerig of Woodburn will celebrate their sixtieth wedding anniversary Sunday. A family dinner will be served and there will be an open house from 2 until 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The couple has five children, Mrs. Henry Gerig, Mrs. Jess Yaggy, Elmer and Noah, all of Woodburn, and Daniel of Lima, O. They also have 14 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.



Elsie and Noah Gerig



J.M. Gerig Family



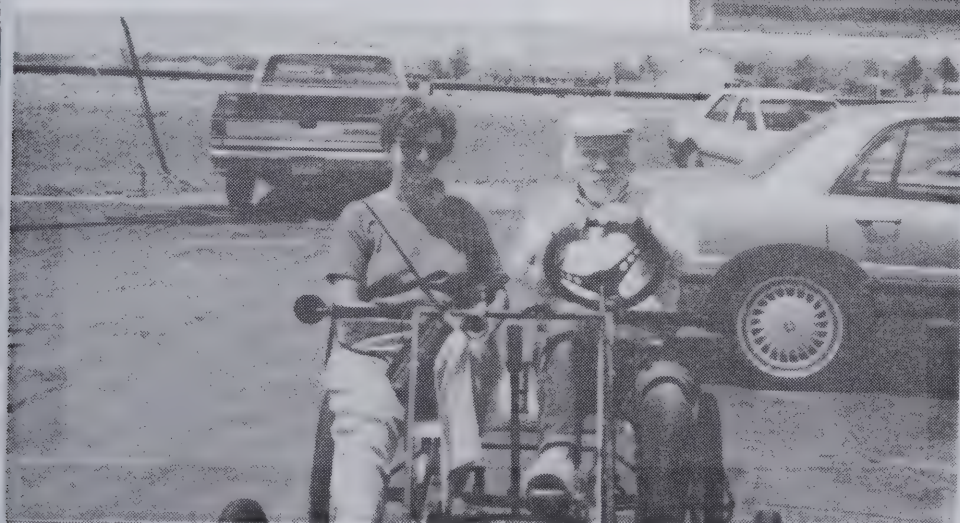
Mary and J.M. Gerig



J.M. Gerig Family



J.M. Gerig with Grandsons



Karen Schaffer and Emerald Gerig



Noah Gerig



Grandchildren of J.M. and Mary Gerig



Lizzie Gerig with sons: Merle and Emerald



Jesse and Clara Yaggy



Left to right: Clara Yaggy Jesse Yaggy Henry Becker, Lizzie Becker, Noah Gerig, Elmer and Mary Gerig; Henry and Ella Gerig



Left to right: Lester Gerig, Merle Gerig, Cletus Gerig, Evelyn Klaus

Left to right: Delores Arthur, Norm Gerig, Gwenny Gerig, Mack Arthur



Left to right: Don Roth, Mack Arthur, Karen Schaffer, Evelyn Klaus, Delores Arthur

FRIENDSHIP COUNTRY SCHOOL MAY 16, 1906



Friendship School was located half a mile south and one mile east of Flanagan, Ill. in Sec. 23 of Nebraska township, Livingston County. The children in the photo above were all identified by the late Alma Slagel Eigsti. The Conrad boys were sons of John D. and Emma Orendorff Conrad. The Roeschleys were children of John and Elizabeth Orendorff Roeschley. Parents of the Slagels were Daniel W. and Mary Roeschley Slagel. They all attended the Waldo Mennonite Church. The

Gerigs (probably children of Joseph Gerig) attended Salem Defenseless Mennonite Church. Lavina Roeschley (who married Roy Slagel) was my mother. The Conrads and Slagels were her first cousins. Incidentally, Roy's father Nicholas Slagel was a brother of Daniel W. Slagel even though they (and their descendants) used different spellings.

Shown in photo back row left to right: Bill Spaniol, Ralph Spaniol, Amos Slagel, Cyril O'Connell, Dave

Conrad, Chauncey Conrad, Noah Roeschley, Lavina Roeschley, Clara Gerig, Amelia Roeschley, Ella Gerig, Alma Slagel, Lizzie Hinkle and Frank Bamber, teacher.

Front row left to right, Noah Gerig Earl O'Connell, Freida Balster, Dena Johnson, Tena Weichman, Esther Roeschley, Willis Slagel, Emma Slagel, Elmer Gerig, Leo Roeschley, Freddie Spaniol and Frank Johnson. The teacher, Frank Bamber, was at one time the editor of The Home

Woodburn Ind, Nov 3, 1948.

Donald Roth.

Gridley Ill.

Dear Donald: Oh how fast the the time is sliping by, I did not think it was so long since I last wrote you; will you pardon me for it: WILL YOU.

(TO THE MERCY-SEAT IN PRAYER)

When thou wakest in the morning,
Ere thou tread the untried way
Of the lot that lies before thee
Through the coming busy day;
Whether sunbeams promise brightness,
Whether dim forebodings fall,
Be thy dawning glad or gloomy,
Go to Jesus-tell Him all!

In the calm of sweet communion
Let thy daily work be done;
In the peace of soul-outpouring
Care be banished, patience won;
And if earth, with its enchantments,
Seeks thy spirit to enthrall,
Ere thou listen, ere thou answer-
Turn to Jesus-tell Him all!

Then as hour by hour glides by thee,
Thou wilt blessed guidance know;
Thine own burdens being lightened,
Thou canst near another's woe;
Thou canst help the weak once onword,
Thou canst raise up those who fall;
But remember, while thou servest,
Still tell Jesus-tell Him all

And if weariness creep o'er thee
As the day wears to its close,
Or if sudden, fierce temptation
Bring the face to face with foes-
In thy weakness, in thy peril,
Raise to Heaven a trustfull call;
Strength and calm for every crisis
Come-in telling Jesus all!

If aught thou deemest too small to bring
To the mercy-seat in prayer,
Then sure 'tis for too small a thing
To give thee a single care;
Throughout the day, with prayer and praise,
In all things whether great or small,
Make known thu heart; lay bare its thoughts;
Go to Jesus-tell Him all!

-Golde Grain.

This is not my own make up; but it is blessed to my soul.

Woodburn Indiana, Aug 17, 1944.

(Names of J. M. Gerig & Family).

Joseph M. Gerig.

Mary Zimmerman Gerig.

Henry Gerig.

Ella Leah Gerig.

Alvin Henry Gerig Mrs Velma Loretta Mooney Gerig.

Lester Joseph Gerig, Mrs Waneta Inez DeWitt Gerig

And Son Lester Joseph Gerig Jr.

Jesse Andrew Yaggy Mrs Clara Ester Gerig Yaggy.

And Loretta Yaggy, Daughter.

Elmer Ezra Gerig Mrs Mary Ann Steiner Gerig and

Morman Leon Gerig, & Janice Marciole Gerig.

Noah Joel Gerig Mrs Elsie Mae Ehresman Gerig & Emerald

Dale Gerig: Merle Leon Gerig: & Eloise Joan Gerig.

Daniel Amos Gerig (Mrs Wanda Bernice Miller Gerig.

Divorced
Carl Bernard Klaus: Evelyn Marie Gerig, Klaus was Married

Hank - Baby B on
July 29, 1944.

Delores Mary Gerig: Cletus Levon Gerig, and *girl*

Caroll Bernice Gerig: Karen Sue Gerig, the baby.

June 18 - 19

Guendolope Frances Bonaville
G. B.

Woodburn Ind, July 8, 1946.

Donald W. Roth.

Fridley Ill.

Dear Donald Roth and the rest of the Family.

As it is some time since I wrote last, I admit it is long then I expected it to be, you forgive me will you, as I seen you all at Eszra Funeral, is one reason also.

Well dear Donald how are you comeing along in serving the Lord Jesus, Jesus blessed Jesus I do love him with all of my soul it is over 59 years that I excepted this Blessed Jesus, on July 4th it was 59 years that I was Baptised with a big group of others properly some 40 I can not tell the excet number any more,

How is it that a book can change, My works of sin to deeds of right? How is it that a book can turn, My hours of darkness into light? This is the Bible, book divine,

With message not from mortal man; But all its loveiness and claims, Came from the Father's guiding hand . For when we search its sacred page, No more our eyes are blind or dim; We see the living Son of God, And give ourselves alone to him.

Donald as I get along this time of the year, I well remember 10 years ago where you was here on the Confrence how I had you on my arms and carried you around, and now you are almost a big boy, how the time goes so quickly and as the time gos on we are geting older, I am passed the 77 mile-stone not expecting to be here long any more, I am now the third oldest of the men in our church, it is only by the grace of God that I am here yet.

Well I want to let you know that we made some changes in our Kitchen, so that Aunt Mary do not have to make steps to do her work, our Refrigerator used to stand in the sought East corner of the Kitchen and the work cabniet beside it the cupboards with the dishes and flour and sugar, in fect all the things was on the north end of the kitchen , the water in the south west corner, then north the gas stove, then the cupboards on the north end.

So we tore the west copboard out below, and put the Refrigerator on the norh end of the kitchen on the west side of the door, put the cabniet in the west corne beside the refrigerator right north of the gas stove, and made a wall cupboard above the working cabniet, now all the steps need to be made is only very short about 10 food space, then the table where it use to be, it is so much nicer now, I thaught your Ma may be interest to know.

The boys are done crowsing corn, wheat is about read to cut, some is on shocks now, but to combind it, it *has to* be riber so it may take a few days.

On 4th of July we had our Sunday School picknic at the high School it was just a wanderfull nice day, not so hot that day, but since then we had very hot it was 92 yesterday without much air it was hot.

As I hear talk about the Gerig reunion is any thing to it, Galord is working on it he said he write to you grandpa he is chairman of it as I understand, it be nice if we could have a reunion of the Gerig Family on one side it is smaller as two are gone since we lass had it, and on the other hand there are 5 of the family increse, with 3 Great Grandchildren in our family.

I spose you are all done plowing Corn, by this time is your Oats about ready to cut, Oats is quite green here, we are usely a little later, farther North East then you.

Lester Gerig Ella Boy is moved one weak ago they live near to the Church just north of it, and just west of Rockey he works in Wayne.

Narman is hauling Milk to Wayne he live in Woodburn he was married January 6 his wife is still working on the same place as she did, they are both makeing money, she gos back and forth kile many of the other folks.

There are many folks around Woodburn working in Fort Wayne drive back and forth every day, Emler and Mary Adreon are working right along, and a number of Girls from our Church, life is a strugel in this world.

One of these day it will all be over with, Jesus is comeing again O what glory that will be for all those that are ready to meet him.

Well I come to close for this time hope you are all well and happy, and waiting for the comeing of the Lord, what a time it will be if shall meet him never to part again that will be glory to the once that are ready.

As ever from you great Uncle.

J. M. Gerig.

J M Gerig

Joseph M. Gerig, son of Joseph and Fannie Roth Gerig, was born June 30, 1869, in Livingston county, about seven miles southeast of Flanagan, Illinois, and died May 10, 1954, at his home in Woodburn, Indiana, having reached the age of 84 years, 10 months, and 10 days.

On April 19, 1892, he was united in marriage to Mary Zimmerman. Mr. and Mrs. Gerig were privileged to share sixty-two years of married life together. This union was blessed with five children: two daughters, Mrs. Ella Gerig and Mrs. Jesse Yaggy, Woodburn; three sons, Elmer and Noah, Woodburn, Indiana, and Daniel, Lima, Ohio. He was a kind father and husband, having at heart the welfare of his family.

In 1917, he with his family moved from near Flanagan, Illinois, to a farm near Edgerton, Indiana, remaining there for six and one half years. In 1923 he and his wife moved to Woodburn where they resided until his death.

In his late teens he confessed Jesus Christ as his Saviour and united with the Salem Evangelical Mennonite church near Gridley, Illinois, and later transferred his membership to the Woodburn Evangelical Mennonite church. He was a faithful member of his church and very much interested in the various branches of missionary work in the Conference, ever endeavoring to extend the Kingdom of Christ. For several years he was one of the deacons of the Salem church near Flanagan, Illinois, and also served as director of the Salem Children's Home.

Those who survive his passing are his devoted widow; two daughters; three sons; fourteen grandchildren; twenty-four great-grandchildren; four brothers and four sisters: Jacob, Mary, and Mrs. Lizzie Becker, Woodburn, Indiana; Mrs. Lena Zimmerman, Emma, Peter, and Chris of Flanagan, Illinois; Benjamin of Pontiac, Illinois, besides many other relatives and friends. Those who preceded him in death were his father, mother, three sisters, Anna, Lydia, and Mrs. Katie Becker, one brother, John, and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted May 12, at the Woodburn Evangelical Mennonite church, with Rev. Charles Rupp, the pastor, officiating. Burial was in the local church cemetery a few miles northwest of Woodburn.

Mary Gerig

Mary [Zimmerman] Gerig was born January 16, 1871, in Livingston County, Illinois, and died June 21, 1956, at her home in Woodburn, Indiana, at the age of 85 years.

On April 19, 1892, she was united in marriage to Joseph M. Gerig and enjoyed 62 years of married life until her husband's death on May 10, 1954. To this union were born five children: two daughters, Ella [Mrs. Henry Gerig] and Clara [Mrs. Jess Yaggy], both of Woodburn; three sons, Elmer and Noah of Woodburn, and Daniel of Lima, Ohio.

In 1917, she moved with her husband to a farm near Edgerton, Indiana, and from there to Woodburn in 1923.

As a young girl she confessed Jesus Christ as Saviour and united with the Salem Evangelical Mennonite Church, Gridley, Illinois, and transferred her membership to Woodburn Evangelical Mennonite Church.

Surviving her, in addition to her five children, are fourteen grandchildren and thirty great-grandchildren, one great-grandchild now being deceased. Mrs. Gerig was the last surviving member of the John Zimmerman family.

During her life she took an active interest in the physical and spiritual welfare of her family and of the church, especially with its young people.

"Mother's gone, I'll ne'er forget her,
Should my years still come and go,
In her God my faith is steadfast,
From my youth she taught me so.
Such teachings are eternal
And you cannot find another
Who can teach them as impressive
As they are when taught by Mother."

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, 1:30 p.m., at the residence and 2:00 p.m. at the church by Rev. E. M. Rocke, former pastor, and Rev. Howard Landes, present pastor of the church. Text, Ps. 116:15. Burial was in the church cemetery.

J M Gerig

1869₅₄

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Editorial . . .

WHY HAVE A CHURCH PAPER

Have you ever asked yourself the question, "Why have a church paper?" If so, what was your answer? If not, may we raise the question for you?

After pouring over this question ourselves, we have concluded that the existence of the church paper is justified on two major premises. First, its inspirational impact, and second, its promotional facility. Let us consider these two areas rather briefly.

Inspirational Impact

"The Evangelical Mennonite" and every other church paper of which we are familiar carries articles of an inspirational challenge and encouragement. We have been fortunate to have faithful cooperation over the years of some of our own men (and ladies) making contributions in this area. Rev. Milo Nussbaum has for six years regularly written a page. He feels that for now at least he has made

quished this responsibility in hopes that another would rise "to fill the gap." We are anxious to learn of the one (s) whom God is leading to help in this ministry.

If the inspirational impact was our only ground for existence, we should bow out gracefully and encourage our constituency to read such excellent magazines as "Christian Life," "Moody Monthly," "Youth For Christ Magazine" and others which are by virtue of size, resources, facility etc. able to do a much better job than we.

Promotional Avenue
The responsibility for publish-

ing "The Evangelical Mennonite" is delegated to the Commission on Promotion. This in itself seems to indicate that the enterprise is considered as a promotional endeavor. The paper is publicized as "The official organ of the Conference of Evangelical Mennonites."

Logically then it ought to be the voice of the conference. It should be used as a medium to carry the aims, ambitions, views, aspirations and program of the various arms of our conference work. We are thinking this is an area of weakness in "The Evangelical Mennonite."

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ANOTHER THOUGHTFUL BEQUEST



The Evangelical Mennonite Church became the beneficiary of the tithe of the J. M. Gerig estate. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Gerig, life-time members of the Woodburn, Indiana church had written in his will "I give and bequeath a sum equal to ten per cent (10%) of my net estate to the Evangelical Mennonite Church, an Illinois corporation. It is my suggestion that one-half of said bequest be used for mission work of the Evangelical Mennonite Church; and that the other one-half be used for the use and benefit of the Salem Children's Home of Flanagan, Illinois, which Home is operated by the said Evangelical Mennonite Church".

The Gerigs and their children

church and her outreach. The spirit of this support was projected until death and visibly memorialized in remembering the work of the Lord from the proceeds of the estate. The family most fortunate to have parents and grandparents of such faithfulness.

For the past several years and before the conference has had the privilege of serving as the disbursing agent of such bequest. This is a grave responsibility entrusted to us and a wonderful gesture of faithful, loyal colleagues. The spirit of such generosity is a challenge to this generation. Only God can justly and properly reward the Gerigs and others who have been so loyal and



WOODBURN COUPLE NOTES 72ND WEDDING ANNIV.

By Thurman Johnson

A little over seventy-two years ago, the 21-year-old choir director of the Woodburn Evangelical Mennonite Church, Jess Yaggy, had a new member join the group. She had just moved into the neighborhood and immediately Yaggy noticed something special about her. In fact it was so special that they were married just six months later and they will celebrate their 72nd wedding anniversary today, January 30.

This marriage endured the rigors of early farm life when the day started at 4:30 a.m. with the milking of the cows, feeding other livestock and then going to the fields to do the plowing, tilling, cultivating and harvesting with horse-drawn implements usually from sun-up to sun-down. Clara worked right along beside Jess, husking corn by hand and all the other aspects of farming. It wasn't until the later years that help was hired to do the farming.

The Yaggys, Jess, now 93, and Clara, 92, still live on their 158-acre farm just east of Woodburn on the Woodburn Road. Jess was born on June 29, 1897 and Clara's birthday is August 8, 1898. She suffered a stroke two years ago and now requires a nurse during the daytime although she is able to sit in a chair. Jess is able to maneuver about with the use of a cane and his mental facilities are very bright.

Jess attended Fort Wayne Bible College one year as a young man where he studied music and was choir

director of the church for many years. In 1936, he also attended the Rhode-heaver School and was the director of the senior citizens choir at the Miracle Senior Citizen Camp in Michigan for 16 years, the last time in 1985. Along with this, he sang in a mixed quartet in the Woodburn area for many years.

The Yaggys were married in her home which was south of Woodburn. Her family had moved here from Illinois and the couple went together for six months before the Rev. J. K. Gerig pronounced them man and wife.

"We didn't have much of a courtship. We got right down to business," Jess laughingly said about his rather short courting period but it has endured the test of 72 years. They have one daughter, Loretta Fiedler, who is manager of the BFG Employees Federal Credit Union in Woodburn. They also have four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

World War One started to interrupt Jess' life on the farm as he had been deferred because of farming but his draft number was called and he was getting ready to go to camp when the Armistice was signed and the war was over negating any time in the military.

Born on the farm, Jess has lived his entire life in the rural persuasion moving to his present home from his father's farm north of Woodburn on State Road 101 in 1953. At one time, he took on additional

duties, working for the government, measuring fields of grain from 1953 to 1966. He was also assistant assessor for 16 years in Maumee Township and served four years in Cedar Creek Township in the 1960s. He remembers the changeover from driving the horse and buggy when his father bought their first automobile in 1916.

He reminisces freely about hauling stone for State Road 101 and the streets of Woodburn with team and horses. This was back when labor such as this was usually contracted from nearby farms in the slack time of the season on the farm.

The Yaggys have been members of the Woodburn Evangelical Mennonite Church all their married life with Jess being converted at the age of 11 when as he says, "I gave myself to the Lord."

No celebration is planned for this anniversary due to the health conditions of Clara who's three nurses include Joanne Miller, Grabill; Theresa Hosler, Fort Wayne and Treeca Ziegler, New Haven.

Not only was Jess adept at farming, he was able to throw in a little prose over the years and following is a poem he composed for their 60th anniversary which relates much of the lifestyle they've lived during their married life.

January 30, 1918, we had
our marriage,
The air was cold, the snow
was deep.

We traveled by horse

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Clara and Jess Yaggy

The Yaggys

Jess and Clara Yaggy of Woodburn will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary with an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Woodburn Fire Station, Woodburn, and a dinner with their family. They were married Jan. 30, 1918, at the Woodburn farm house where Clara's family lived. They have a daughter, Loretta Fiedler of Woodburn, four grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Jess Yaggy retired from farming; he also worked 13 years for the ASC office and 16 years as a deputy assessor. The Yaggys still live on their farm.

In Memory Of
Jesse A. Yaggy

Born
June 29, 1896

Died
June 3, 1990

Funeral Service
1:00 P.M. June 6, 1990 at
Woodburn Mennonite Church

Clergyman Officiating
Rev. Allen J. Schlatter

Final Resting Place
Woodburn Mennonite Cemetery
Woodburn, Indiana

Funeral Conducted By
Hockemeyer Funeral Home
Harlan, Indiana

Clara E. Yaggy, 93, Woodburn, died yesterday in Brighton Hall Nursing Center. 12-27-90

The Chenoa, Ill., native was the widow of Jesse, who died in June.

Surviving are a daughter, Loretta Fiedler of Woodburn; a brother, Noah Gerig of Woodburn; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services are 2 p.m. Sunday in Woodburn Evangelical Mennonite Church, with burial in Woodburn Mennonite Cemetery. Calling is 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. tomorrow in Hockemeyer Funeral Home, Harlan, and 1 to 2 p.m. Sunday in the church.

Preferred memorials are gifts to the church, Woodburn Emergency Medical Service or Gideons International.

Henry Gerig

Henry Gerig of Woodburn, Indiana was born in Grabill, Indiana July 23, 1889 and passed away on October 8, 1964 at the age of 75 years, two months, 15 days. After spending his childhood at Grabill he moved to Woodburn where he spent his active days on the farm until he retired and moved to town in 1947.

He accepted Christ as his Saviour in the early years of his life and joined the Evangelical Mennonite Church where he was faithful in serving his Lord.

March 13, 1913 he was united in marriage to Carrie Rupp to which union was born a son, Alvin and two daughters who died in infancy. Carr'e Gerig died in 1918.

June 1, 1919 Henry Gerig was married to Ella Gerig. To this union was born Lester and Annabelle.

Left to mourn his sudden departure are his wife, Ella, two sons, Alvin of Monroeville and Lester of Woodburn, a daughter Annabelle Bollier of Harlan, 12 grandchildren, 1 great granddaughter, 1 brother, Aaron of Woodburn besides a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon October 11 in the Woodburn EMC with Rev. Clair Bixler officiating. Burial in church cemetery.

In Memory of DANIEL A. GERIG

Date of Birth
FEBRUARY 19, 1902

Date of Death
OCTOBER 25, 1981

Age
79 YEARS, 8 MONTHS, 6 DAYS

Place of Service
CHILES & SONS-LAMAN

Time and Date of Service
1:00 P.M., WED., OCTOBER 28, 1981

Clergyman Officiating
REV HAROLD GERIG
REV. WILLIAM ZELLER

Final Resting Place
3:15 P.M., WED., OCTOBER 28, 1981
EVANGELICAL MENNONITE
CEMETERY
WOODBURN, INDIANA

In Charge of Arrangements
T. R. Chiles & Sons-Laman

In Memory Of

Noah J. Gerig

Born

December 15, 1899

Died

May 8, 1991

Age: 91 years, 4 months, 23 days

Funeral Services

Sunday, May 12, 1991

2:00 P.M.

Westwood Fellowship Church

Woodburn, Indiana

Officiating

Reverend Allen Schlatter

Final Resting Place

Woodburn Mennonite Cemetery

Woodburn, Indiana

Arrangements By

E. Harper & Son Funeral Home

New Haven, Indiana

Elsie Mae Ehresman Gerig

Elsie Mae Ehresman Gerig, daughter of Samuel Ehresman and Fannie Oyer, was born in Livingston County, Illinois, on September 5, 1899, and went to be with her Lord on October 4, 1960, at 11:10 A.M. at the Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne, Indiana, at the age of 61 years and 29 days. She had been in failing health for the past 8 months, having spent 14 weeks of that time in the hospital, but always maintained a steadfast faith and hope of regaining her health and returning home to her family whom she dearly loved. She moved with her family to the Woodburn community at the age of 18. Her marriage to Noah Gerig on December 28, 1922, was blessed in its union by two sons and a daughter, Emerald and Merle of Woodburn, and Mrs. Eloise Thorne of South Bend, Indiana. Her 7 grandchildren were one of her greatest treasures. Having been born and reared in a Christian home, she accepted Christ as her Saviour at an early age and was a faithful member of the Evangelical Mennonite Church until her death. Her life was one of unselfish devotion and service for her family and church. For the past 15 years she taught the Nursery Class in the Sunday School, during which time she endeared those little ones to her heart with her kind

and considerate teaching, leading those young lives in the way of the Lord. During her long illness, the one thing that touched her most deeply was the cards and flowers sent to her by the little ones in her class.

Mother will be missed, her life has been taken, but our loss is her gain. She has received her reward. She is now free from suffering and pain, and is resting in peace with her Lord and Saviour.

Her mother preceded her in death in March, 1952. In addition to the immediate family, surviving are her father, Samuel Ehresman of Woodburn; two brothers, Asa and Shelby of Woodburn; three sisters, Mrs. Alice Wearley, Mrs. Ida Gerig, Miss Leona Ehresman, all of Woodburn; several nieces and nephews and a host of neighbors and friends.

God hath not promised skies always blue,
Flower-strewn pathways all our lives thro';

God hath not promised sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow, peace without pain.

But God hath promised strength for the day,

Rest for the labor, light for the way,
Grace for the trials, help from above,
Unfailing kindness, undying love.

Jacob B. and Minnie
(Rediger)
Gerig

THE FAMILY OF JACOB B. AND MINNIE (REDIGER) GERIG

JACOB B. GERIG		b. Dec 22, 1872	d. May 6, 1960
	m: Jul 1, 1906		
Minnie Rediger		b. May 4, 1886	d. Jan 6, 1974
1.	Gaylord Edwin Gerig	b. Jun 3, 1915	d. Oct 13, 1992
	m: Nov 24, 1938		
	Ola Mae Raber	b. May 24, 1920	
2.	Alvin Everett Gerig	b. Sep 2, 1917	d. Jan 17, 1984
	m: Feb 1, 1942		
	Mildred June Dancer	b. Dec 28, 1918	
GAYLORD EDWIN GERIG		b. Jun 3, 1915	d. Oct 13, 1992
	m: Nov 24, 1938		
Ola Mae Raber		b. May 24, 1920	
A.	Clifford Eugene Gerig	b. Jun 1, 1939	
	m: Jul 14, 1960		
	Dorothy Jeanette Pankratz	b. Nov 30, 1933	
1.	Esther Louise Gerig	b. Feb 27, 1969	
	m: Apr 10, 1998		
	Thomas Alan Dangerfield	b. Jul 19, 1964	
	a. Mary Katherine Dangerfield	b. Oct 29, 1996	
	b. Jacob Montana Dangerfield	b. Apr 17, 1998	
B.	Kenneth Lee Gerig	b. Aug 8, 1941	
	m: Dec 27, 1965		
	Alta Rose Wolfer	b. Sep 30, 1942	
1.	Arlan Kent Gerig	b. Nov 28, 1966	
	m: Dec 16, 1995		
	Elizabeth Anne Cipollone	b. Oct 14, 1965	
2.	Galen Lewis Gerig	b. Apr 24, 1969	
	m: Jul 16, 1994		
	Tamara Patricia Walter	b. Mar 17, 1965	
	a. Ryan Lewis Gerig	b. Feb 18, 1997	
3.	Lynette Rose Gerig	b. Jul 30, 1975	
	m: Aug 23, 1997		
	Kenneth Clare Lovelace	b. Aug 19, 1974	
C.	Theodore Lewis Gerig	b. May 13, 1943	d. Oct 3, 1966
D.	Gaylord Leon Gerig	b. May 31, 1953	
	m: Dec 22, 1974		
	Patricia Rae Fletcher	b. Jan 21, 1951	
1.	Tiffany Rae Gerig	b. Oct 7, 1977	
2.	Drew Leon Gerig	b. Jul 5, 1981	
3.	Adam Leon Gerig	b. Apr 18, 1985	

ALVIN EVERETT GERIG

m: Feb 1, 1942

Mildred June Dancer

A. Rita Nanette Gerig

m: Aug 4, 1974

James Allen Raichart

1. Gary James Raichart

B. Larry Dean Gerig

m: Jun 12, 1965 (d)

Patsy S. Revert

1. Michelle Lynn Gerig

2. Brian Dean Gerig

b. Sep 2, 1917

d. Jan 17, 1984

b. Dec 28, 1918

b. Mar 18, 1943

b. Nov 22, 1943

b. Jan 17, 1983

b. Aug 25, 1945

b. Apr 28, 1944

b. Sep 3, 1974

b. Oct 10, 1976

MARRIAGE LICENSE.
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS
LIVINGSTON

TO any Person legally authorized to solemnize Marriage

GREETING.

MARRIAGE MAY BE CELEBRATED

Between Mr. Jacob Gerig of Pike twp
in the County of Livingston and State of Illinois
of the age of thirty three years and
Miss Minnie Rediger of Pike twp
in the County of Livingston and State of Ill
of the age of twenty years.

Witness Fred Duckett County Clerk
and the seal of said County at his Office in Pontiac in said County
this 29 day of June A.D. 1905
Fred Duckett County Clerk.

State of Illinois }
LIVINGSTON COUNTY } ss

I certify that Mr. Jacob Gerig and
Miss Minnie Rediger were united in Marriage by me at
Waldo Pr in the County of Livingston
and State of Illinois on the first day of July A.D. 1906

C. R. Egle

ADULT.

Mr. Jacob Gerig
with

Miss Minnie Rediger

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Clerk.

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County Clerk

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NOT VALID UNLESS RAISED SEAL OF LIVINGSTON COUNTY AFFIXED.

I, ARNOLD E. NATZKE, COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER WITHIN AND FOR SAID COUNTY AND STATE AFORESAID, AND KEEPER OF THE RECORDS HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE PHOTO COPY OF THE RECORD ON FILE IN THIS OFFICE. IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SUBSCRIBED MY HAND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF SAID COUNTY, AT MY OFFICE IN PONTIAC, ILLINOIS THIS 30th DAY OF June A.D., 1906.

STATE OF ILLINOIS

COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON

1. Full Name of GROOM Jacob Gerig
2. Place of Residence Pike Twp.
3. Occupation Farmer
4. Age next Birthday 34 years. Color White Race
5. Place of Birth Walden Twp. Livingston Co
6. Father's Name Joseph Gerig
7. Mother's Maiden Name Fanny Pluth
8. Number of Groom's Marriage first
9. Full Name of BRIDE Minnie Rediger
Maiden Name, if a Widow.
10. Place of Residence Pike Twp.
11. Age next Birthday 21 years. Color White Race
12. Place of Birth Pike Twp. Livingston Co
13. Father's Name Joseph Rediger
14. Mother's Maiden Name Lena L. Lavoille
15. Number of Bride's Marriage first
16. Married at Walden Twp. in the County Livingston and State of Illinois, the 1st day of July 1906.
17. Witnesses to Marriage Christian Rediger
John H. Gerig

N. B.—At Nos. 8 and 15 state whether 1st, 2d, 3d, &c., Marriage of each. 17 give names of subscribing witnesses to the Marriage Certificate. If no subscribing witnesses, give names of two persons who witnessed the ceremony.

We Hereby Certify that the information above given is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Jacob Gerig (Groom)
Minnie Rediger (Bride)

I Hereby Certify that the above is a correct return of a Marriage solemnized by me.

E. B. Rygle
Elder D. M. Chinn
Dated at Walden this 1st day of July 1906.



Jacob and Minnie (Rediger) Gerig



Jacob, Gaylord and Minnie Gerig



THE J.B. GERIG FAMILY

Minnie Gerig



The J.B. Gerig Family with Chris Gerig



THE J.B. GERIG FAMILY
 Left to right: Jacob, Gaylord, Alvin, Minnie



THE J.B. GERIG FAMILY
 Back: (left to right) Gaylord, Ola, Mildred, Alvin
 Front: Minnie, Jacob



Minnie and Jacob Gerig



50th Anniversary
1956
Minnie and Jacob Gerig

Minnie Gerig



Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary

On Sunday, July 1, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gerig celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary with a family dinner at their home, and an open house from 2-4 p.m. at the Evangelical Mennonite Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerig were married on July 1, 1906 by the Rev. C. R. Egly, at the Evangelical Mennonite Church near Gridley, Illinois. The couple has two sons, Rev. Gaylord Gerig, of Pioneer, Ohio and Alvin E. Gerig of Woodburn. They also have six grandchildren, Clifford, Kenneth, Lewis and Leon of Pioneer, and Rita and Larry Gerig of Woodburn.

Mrs. Gerig wore a navy blue suit-dress with navy blue and white accessories. Her corsage was of white carnations.

The serving table was centered with a large two-tiered wedding cake and the color scheme of gold and crystal was carried out. Bowls of deep pink roses completed the decorations. Refreshments were served by Miss Rita Gerig and Miss Diane Oyer, also Mrs. Gaylord Gerig, Mrs. Noah Gerig and Larry and Lewis Gerig.

Besides the many friends and relatives present from the church and community, the out-of-town guests were: Rev. and Mrs. Gaylord Gerig and sons, Pioneer, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Gerig, West Unity, Ohio; Mr. Daniel Gerig, Lima, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Marion Rediger and family, Spencerville, Indiana; Mr. and Mrs. Arlow Batdorf, Auburn, Indiana; Robert Daugherty, Chicago, Illinois; Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Studky, Gridley, Illinois; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rediger and family, Morton Illinois; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gerig, Pontiac, Illinois; Mrs. Idella Zimmerman, Flanagan, Illinois; Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Steininger, Monticello, Indiana; Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Barkley and Helen, Decatur, Indiana; Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Collier; Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Irvin and family; Mrs. B. E. Rediger all of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Jacob B. Gerig

Jacob B. Gerig, the son of Joseph and Fanny [Roth] Gerig was born on December 22, 1872, near Gridley, Illinois, and passed away at Pioneer, Ohio, on May 26, 1960, at the age of 87 years, 5 months, and 4 days. He was united in marriage to Minnie Rediger on July 1, 1906, at the Salem Mennonite Church near Gridley, Illinois. To this union two sons were born. Mr. Gerig was a farmer for all of his active working life. He lived and farmed in Livingston County, Illinois, until 1937 when he moved to a farm near Woodburn, Indiana, with his wife and family. In later years he lived with his wife in Woodburn until the fall of 1959 when they made their

home with their son and his family near Pioneer, Ohio.

He leaves his widow, Minnie; a son, Gaylord and wife Ola of Pioneer, Ohio; a son, Alvin E. and wife Mildred of Woodburn, Ind.; six grandchildren: Clifford of Albany, Oregon; Kenneth of Taylor University; Lewis and Leon of Pioneer, Ohio, and Rita and Larry of Woodburn. Three brothers: Peter and Chris of Flanagan, Illinois, and Ben of Pontiac, Illinois. Two sisters: Mary Gerig and Lizzie Becker of Woodburn. Beside these he leaves a large number of relatives and friends. His parents, two brothers and four sisters preceded him in death.

Death: Mrs. Minnie Gerig, 87, died on January 6 at the Wood County Hospital, Bowling Green, Ohio. Funeral services were held at the church January 9 with Rev. John Lehman officiating. Rev. and Mrs. Hazelett from the Christian Missionary Alliance Church furnished the music. Surviving are two sons, Gaylord of Perrysburg, Ohio and Alvin E. Gerig of Woodburn; two brothers, Rev. Clarence Rediger of Carthage, Illinois and Joseph Rediger of Castro Valley, California. Burial was in the Mennonite cemetery.

Mabel Ehresman,
Correspondent

Jacob S. Gerig

Jacob B. Gerig, a son of Joseph and Fanny Roth Gerig was born December 22, 1872 near Gridley, Illinois, and passed away at the home of his son and family at Pioneer, Ohio on May 26, 1960 at the age of 87 years, 5 months, and 4 days. Mr. Gerig was united in marriage to Minnie Rediger at the Salem Mennonite Church near Gridley, Illinois on July 1, 1906.

Two sons were born to this union. Mr. Gerig was a farmer in Pike Township, Illinois until 1937. When he moved with his wife and family to a farm near Woodburn, Indiana. He later moved to Woodburn and lived there until the fall of 1959, when they went to live with their son, Gaylord at Pioneer, Ohio where they remained until his death.

His survivors are his widow, a son Gaylord of Pioneer, Ohio and Alvin E. Gerig of Woodburn, Indiana, six grandchildren, three brothers, Peter and Chris of Flanagan, Ben of Pontiac, two sisters, Mary of Woodburn, and Mrs. Lizzie Becker also of Woodburn. His parents, two brothers and four sisters preceded him in death. Funeral services were held Saturday May 28 at Woodburn, Indiana Mennonite Church and interment was in the Mennonite cemetery at Woodburn.

J. B. Gerig

1972

The Christ of Christmas

Gaylord Gerig

Nearly two thousand years ago, in the fulness of time, a baby was born in the manger of the animal shed behind an inn in Bethlehem. This baby whose birth was announced to watchful shepherds on duty on the nearby hills by angels was generally unaccepted and unwanted. The greatest gift given to mankind was not accepted because of the general attitude of indifference toward God. The fact is interesting to note that Jesus was accepted as the Christ by a very small number of the people who were looking for Him, and who were seemingly living close enough to God so they could hear the still, small voice even though the hustle, hum, and noise of the world was about them.

The magi came from a distant land from the east, possibly a land to which Jews had been taken as captives during one of the periods of God's corrective judgment upon them. These men very probably became interested in the religion of the Hebrews and became intrigued over the promise of the coming Messiah from God. They were diligent enough, and learned enough in the Scriptures that they were able to ascertain God's signals of the birth of His only begotten Son, the Messiah sent from God. These men from the east surpassed the priests of Judea in their interpretation of and belief in the Scriptures, for we read in Matthew 2 of the journey which was made in search of the new-born King of the Jews. The interpreters of the law in Jerusalem could not see the fulfilment of prophecy in the birth of this Babe, but these men from afar were not looking with prejudiced eyes and were, therefore, able to see this Child as the gift of God to mankind. We see the proof of their sincerity in Matthew 3:11: "And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him; and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh." There may be many reasons for the gifts which were given to the Child. The important thought, however, appears to be that

the child Jesus was accepted by these Gentiles as the royal individual that He was. The Christ-child was given a royal welcome by the visitors. He was worshipped; He was shown worthship. To these Gentiles, He was due great honor; they acknowledged Him as their spiritual superior. They also gave Him gifts which had both practical as well as symbolical value. They gave Him gold as their material leader; incense as their spiritual leader, and myrrh as a possible symbol of the suffering which Christ should endure. The practical side can be seen as we read on in the second chapter of Matthew concerning the flight to, and the sojourn in Egypt. God very possibly used these men who brought gold, which was plentiful in their home land, to finance the trip to Egypt.

In Luke two we read of some other individuals who were also able to see God's hand and plan with and through this Child. Simeon, a true servant of God, was awaiting the fulfilment of a promise of God which was that he, Simeon, should see the Messiah of God before natural death would take him. He was able to see the divinity of Christ. A clue to the realization of the Christ-child as the sent one from God can be seen in something which is told of Anna, a prophetess, who also recognized the Messiahship of the Christ-child. In Luke 2:37 we read: "And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayer night and day." Her thoughts and motivations were ever God-centered. The Word says she served God day and night. She was always in an attitude of God first; she was an untiring servant of God. When we think of the model prayer which Christ gave His disciples during His ministry and compare it with Anna's practice we see she was true to God's approved plan for prayer. Because of her faithfulness she was honored of God. She sought first the kingdom of God, and truly all things were added unto her. What greater

honor could have come to a servant of God than came to Anna and Simeon? They were allowed to hold and love the Christ-child as well as to proclaim His deity to those about them.

As the people of Judea heard of the Child, they were but little interested; the rulers were determined to destroy Him; only a very few were able to recognize Christ's true identity. The priests of Judea had all the prophecy of the prophets of God concerning Christ's coming, yet they were not able to read in this vast amount of material the truths which the men from the east garnered from a possibly limited source of material. The same God was prayed to and worshipped, but Anna and Simeon were able to receive a message from God which was missed by the leaders of the temple, the authorities of the law, and the rank and file of the Hebrew people. The proximity to God, plus waiting while God spoke is, I believe, the secret of Anna and Simeon's satisfied knowledge of the person of the Messiah of God.

In which category must we place ourselves when we honestly and prayerfully search our lives and attitudes? We in the twentieth century are not as far advanced beyond the individuals of the time of Christ as we may often wish to think. There is little change through the centuries in human personality. We are also more responsible than these early peoples, because we are on this side of Calvary, but do we carry our responsibility as we ought?

As we look about us we see the great fanfare with which Christmas is introduced, but is the Christ-child honored in His rightful manner? Christmas has, I fear, come to be a commercialized holiday rather than the holy day of commemorating the birthday of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Have we become so occupied with remembering our loved ones and friends at the Christmas season, which in itself is wholly legitimate, and forgotten the greatest gift of all human history? Are we falling into a sin which Paul warns of in Romans, chapter 1? Paul speaks

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The Incarnation

Luke 2:1-20

Earl Cochran

The birth of Christ is undeniably the greatest event that has ever been recorded on the pages of history. Take the account of His birth away from humanity and we would have darkness and despair indeed. It is the one bright ray of hope that shines eternally through time. It shines through the despair of a frantic humanity. It shines through their muddled and unavailing attempts at peace on earth as the beacon light of "true peace." That so small a Babe, born in such an insignificant place could be of such importance can only be reckoned to God's Divine plan.

In this season we are concerned primarily with His birth and His birth in history is an undeniable fact. He was not born out of the scheme of history but He came into history from the outside. He was not man becoming God, but was God born man.

The mark of His self-humiliation is evident. Though He was "the desire of all nations," yet His coming into the world was little observed, His birth was obscure and unregarded; herein He emptied Himself, and made Himself of no reputation. If the Son of God must be brought into the world, one might expect Him to be received with all the pomp and ceremony possible. Such the Jews expected of their Messiah, but we see none of this. He came into the world and the world knew Him not; yea, He came unto His own and His own received Him not. In order to bring salvation to fallen man. He denied Himself and all that was rightfully His, "even unto the death of the Cross."

The Saviour is no shadowy, unreal being. He was really born, a real Babe, wrapped in swaddling clothes, in a definite place. He came for a specific purpose, not to reform the old but to create a completely new life.

The world over, men are celebrating Christmas as a man made, commercialized holiday. There is much superficial joy and merrymaking, but as of old, and as always, there is much heartache and sadness. How different our Christmas would be if

men would lay aside their individual selfish motives of life, and with the shepherds, kneel at the crib of the infant Christ.

The incarnation of Christ affected the whole universe. The remedy was not for the Jewish race only or for a selected few; the special favorites of heaven. It was, and is now, for the whole diseased material of human nature; for all the sinful, the weary, the suffering; for all the great army of the miserable and guilty in every land. Today with nations burning with hatred one toward another, race wars and individual prejudices we need a return to the simple love of Christ. Too often Christians are guilty of the sin of discrimination. Christ came as "glad tidings" to all people. The world is steeped in sin and misery, fear predominates, and greed overrules the good that men would do. Christ is the answer, He is the sufficiency for the world's needs. We have had endless conferences of peace among nations but until we see peace between man and God, peace between individuals, until we include "the Prince of Peace" in our deliberations we are destined to failure. Man cannot bring peace. It is a gift of God. For He said, "My peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you."

Not only is the incarnation of Christ historical and universal, it is also individual. The great sorrow of the Christmas season is that many people celebrate His historical birth but comparatively few have experienced His incarnation in their individual lives. The Apostle wrote, "Christ in you, the hope of glory." As long as Christ's birth be celebrated with great ceremony and His teachings utterly ignored we are missing the significance of His birth altogether. In His own words we read, "I am come that ye might have life, and that ye might have it more abundantly. His mission was to bring light into darkness, hope into a despairing world. He was to set free the captive, release us from the bondage of sin, implant in us new natures, and

bring us into that "more abundant life." This He has done unto those who have received Him. "To them gave He the power to become the sons of God, even unto them that believed on His name." The angel spoke, "Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy." This joy spoken of comes through the removal of human guilt. This is not to be done by us but for us through the death of Christ. Believe this and it becomes life eternal. Christ was born that He might die. This is the Gospel. Until men have peace with God all the joy they experience is deceitful and of a short duration. The natural man frequently indulges in a frantic and almost intoxicating mirth; but if there be no peace between them and God the hidden stirrings of conscience produce a fearful torment. The beginning of "great joy" is to perceive the fatherly love of God which alone gives us "the peace which passeth all understanding."

As we again look backward through two thousand years of time to His birth let us, with the shepherds, the magi, and all who have arrived since, kneel at the manger, the crib of Christ and there allow our lives to become a Bethlehem.

THE CHRIST OF CHRISTMAS

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of mankind who thinking themselves to be wise become as fools because they depend on their own wisdom. Our prayer should be to see the Christ of Christmas as did Simeon, Anna, and the wise men of old. Let us also, as they, worship Him and give Him the prominent place in our lives which is rightfully His. Let us worship the Christ of Christmas rather than to worship the day which commemorates His birth, and the idea of giving which is seen in the great gift of Christ to mankind. Let us never be so blind as to give major importance to secondary factors while giving minor importance to the primary factors. Let us worship the Christ who is truly the gift and light of the world.

The Psychologist In the Public Schools

Gaylord E. Gerig

We are living in a century when discovery and development surpass that of any in the history of mankind. New methods and procedures as well as new disciplines, vocations, and professions have been developed. Education is no exception. Specialties within education are developing and gaining new acceptance. The field of Pupil Personnel is one such area. The school psychologist and the counselor are included in this general area.

By definition, psychology is a branch of the social sciences dealing with the mental processes and general behavior of a living organism. For our purpose, we shall limit our thinking to the study of man. The theories of psychology are applied to the educational setting of the school. According to Webster, a theory is a system of principles of a science, and the practical application of it.

Education also has its varied theories for the educating of the young. Many routes to the goal of achieving this educating process are offered. The process of education is to develop skills for inquiry, and for the acquisition of knowledge. Also, a major goal is for developing skills in varied forms of problem solving. All these varied approaches have a generally common goal; the preparing of the student for life in his post public school years.

The Role of the Psychologist

The psychologist in the public school works at the task of amalgamating some of the basic theories of psychology with those of education. The role description of the psychologist in the schools includes child study and counseling, consultation, evaluation, planning and research. The spec-

trum is broad, and not easily defined. The major responsibility is with the child. However, in fulfilling this task the psychologist works with the staff and administration of the school, the parents, and often other professionals and agencies. The children seen are referred by one of the above named persons or groups. The greatest number of referrals come from the teacher and local principal.

Referrals are made for a number of reasons. A major portion of these reasons may be grouped into several general classifications. The child's behavior and or attitudes deviate from the average to an abnormal degree. The achievement of the child and the believed potential appear to be abnormal in their distance. The child may give indications of problems of greater depth than can be dealt with by the classroom teacher in a group situation.

Problems are Caused

One of the writer's concerns is that of causation. Unless the causative factors per se are discovered we may be prone to treat symptoms and not causes. Perception, auditory, and visual problems are prominent examples of such basic causes which may not be readily discerned. A child with one of the above undetected problems may give the general impression of underachievement or even of slowness in academic endeavors.

Behavioral problems as well as those of attitude may have their bases in some emotional problem. The major portion of these problems at their onset are not generally deep seated. Adjustment in such instances can usually be effected in a comparatively short period of time. Prominent among the varied factors influencing the time period of adjustment is the

age of the child and/or the length of time the student has lived with this problem.

The role which the psychologist assumes in any one school system is determined by many factors. The role of evaluator appears to be that taken by the majority of psychologists in the schools. Many other functions such as counseling in depth with a view to effecting adjustment is dependent upon the training and ability of the psychologist, and the adequacy of the staff to allow time for such services.

The Psychologist Working with Others

Another role considered to be quite important by the writer is that of a liaison person for the schools. This is particularly true in working with problems which may involve referral to other professionals and/or agencies. There is a definite need for an open line of communication between these persons and the schools. Then in turn, there must be the same clarity in communication with the parents. The psychologist is in a unique position to assume this role as a staff member of the schools.

In summary, the school psychologist is a consultant within the local frame work of the school. He works with problems which can not be adequately met by the classroom teacher. If he is not in position to fill the need of the student, his responsibility is to make recommendation for referral to qualified personnel. The psychologist assumes an active role in presenting the problem and the recommendation for referral to the parents. He also is responsible for furnishing reports to the professional or agency to which the referral is made. He is the agency contact for the schools.

THE EVANGELICAL MENNONITE

IN MEMORY OF

DR. GAYLORD E. "DOC" GERIG

BORN

June 3, 1915

AT REST

October 13, 1992

SERVICES

Friday, 10:30 a. m.

October 16, 1992

Christian Missionary Alliance Church

OFFICIATING CLERGY

Rev. Jeff Lord

GRAVESIDE SERVICE

Friday, 2:30 p. m.

Union Hill Cemetery

Bowling Green, Ohio

ARRANGEMENTS BY

Richardson-Davis Funeral Home

**Peter and Malinda
(Zimmerman)
Gerig**

THE FAMILY OF PETER AND MALINDA (ZIMMERMAN) GERIG

PETER GERIG		b. Jul 23, 1874	d. Sep 18, 1969
m: Dec 13, 1898			
Malinda Zimmerman		b. Mar 9, 1879	d. Dec 22, 1962
1.	Inez Mabel Gerig	b. May 24, 1901	d. Oct 21, 1918
2.	Lorena Magdalena Gerig	b. Oct 5, 1905	d. Aug 26, 1990
3.	Sylvia Katherine Gerig	b. Jun 10, 1908	
m: Jun 13, 1940			
Harry Clarence Knuth		b. Mar 30, 1902	d. Apr 20, 1978
4.	Lester Clifford Gerig	b. May 23, 1911	d. Aug 1, 1997
m: Aug 19, 1933			
Mildred Mae Ehresman		b. Jun 27, 1910	d. Oct 12, 1996
INEZ MABEL GERIG		b. May 24, 1901	d. Oct 21, 1918
LORENA MAGDALENA GERIG		b. Oct 5, 1905	d. Aug 26, 1990
SYLVIA KATHERINE GERIG		b. Jun 10, 1908	
m: Jun 13, 1940			
Harry Clarence Knuth		b. Mar 30, 1902	d. Apr 20, 1978
A.	Charlotte Kay Knuth	b. Apr 11, 1941	
m: Aug 28, 1965			
Renald Stephen Perillo		b. Feb 20, 1936	
1.	Stephen Renald Perillo	b. Feb 20, 1966	
m: Jul 15, 1989			
Lori Snelson		b. Jan 10, 1967	
2.	Christopher Martin Perillo	b. Aug 16, 1968	
m: May 25, 1991			
Raquel Valadez		b. Apr 27, 1968	
Christopher Martin Perillo			
m: Mar 22, 1997			
Eileen Marie Corrigan		b. Nov 13, 1968	
a.	Andrew Scott Perillo	b. Aug 2, 1998	
3.	Rebecca Ann Perillo	b. Jun 10, 1974	
B.	Lois Elaine Knuth	b. Mar 26, 1942	
m: Dec 8, 1967 (d)			
Norman Edmond Capp		b. Jul 25, 1946	
1.	Catherine Elizabeth Capp	b. Apr 26, 1973	
a.	Anthony Michael Capp	b. May 2, 1990	
Lois Elaine Capp			
m: Sep 22, 1990			
Raymond Eugene Sorenson		b. Jul 22, 1927	
LESTER CLIFFORD GERIG		b. May 23, 1911	d. Aug 1, 1997

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MARRIAGE LICENSE

THE PEOPLE
OF THE
STATE OF ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON.

On any person legally authorized to solemnize Marriage Greeting
Marriage may be celebrated

Between: Mr. Peter Loring of Mike
in the County of Livingston and State of Illinois
of the age of Twenty Four years and Miss Malinda Zimmerman
in the County of Livingston and State of
Illinois of the age of Twenty years



Fred Duckett County Clerk and the seal of said County
in witness in said County this 13 day of Dec. A.D. 1898
Fred Duckett County Clerk.

By Deputy County Clerk.

State of Illinois
Livingston County,

SS. James H. Caffrey a Justice of the Peace
Hereby certify that Mr. Peter Loring and
Miss Malinda Zimmerman were united in Marriage by me at
in the County of Livingston and State of Illinois on the 13 day of Dec. A.D. 1898.
James H. Caffrey
Justice of the Peace

COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON)

I, ARNOLD E. NATZKE, COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER WITHIN AND FOR SAID COUNTY AND STATE AFORESAID, AND KEEPER OF THE RECORDS HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE PHOTO COPY OF THE RECORD ON FILE IN THIS OFFICE. IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HERETO SUBSCRIBED MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF SAID COUNTY, AT MY OFFICE IN PONTIAC, ILLINOIS THIS 19th DAY OF April A.D., 1912.

NOT VALID UNLESS RAISED SEAL OF LIVINGSTON COUNTY AFFIXED.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER

1. Full name of GROOM, Peter Berig
 2. Place of residence, Pike Township
 3. Occupation, farming
 4. Age next birthday 24 years. Color W. Race W.
 5. Place of birth, Walden Township
 6. Father's name, Joseph Berig
 7. Mother's maiden name, Ann (Walt)
 8. Number of groom's marriage, _____
 9. Full name of BRIDE, Mahinda Zimmerman
 Maiden name if a widow, _____
 10. Place of residence, Pike Township
 11. Age next birthday 20 years. Color W. Race W.
 12. Place of birth, Pike Township
 13. Father's name, Christian Zimmerman
 14. Mother's maiden name, Katid Steckly
 15. Number of bride's marriage, _____
 16. Married at Pontiac in the County of Livingston and State of Illinois, the 13th day of December 1898
 17. Witnesses to marriage, Mrs. Anna Zimmerman

N. B.—At Nos. 8 and 15 state whether 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, &c. marriage of each. At 7, give name of subscribing witnesses to the Marriage Certificate. If no subscribing witnesses, give names of two persons who witnessed the ceremony.

We hereby certify that the information above given is correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Peter Berig [Groom.]
Mahinda Zimmerman [Bride.]

I hereby certify that the above is a correct return of a Marriage solemnized by me.

Dated at Pontiac this 13th day of December 1898

No 2443

Marriage License.

Peter Berig

= AND =

Mahinda Zimmerman

ed Dec 13 1898

ried Dec 13 1898

urned Dec 13 1898

istered Jan 2 1899

FILED of Marriage Register.

d DEC 13 1898

A. Buckett
COUNTY CLERK,

Clerk

Deputy.



Peter and Malinda Gerig





Peter Gerig



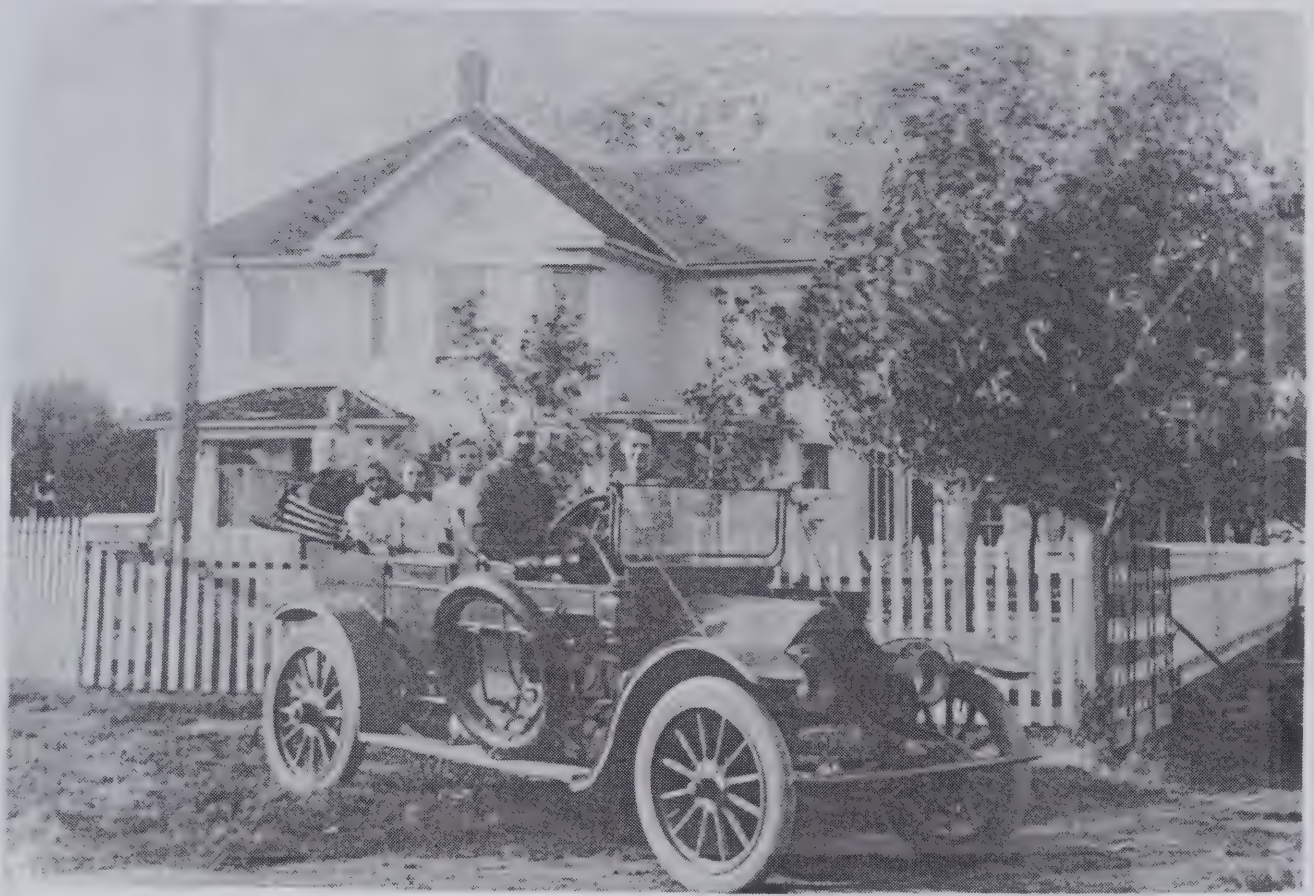
Left to right: Peter holding Sylvia, Inez, Lorena, Malind



Inez Gerig



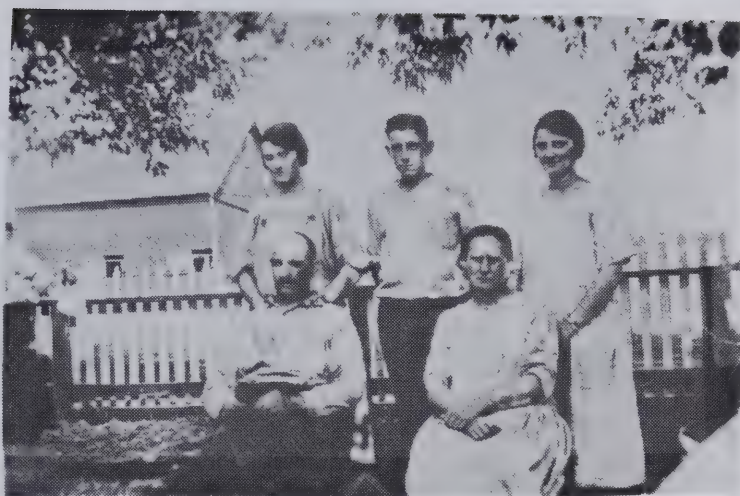
Left to right: Lorena, Lester, Inez, Sylvia



THE PETER GERIG FAMILY



THE PETER GERIG FAMILY



Back: (left to right) Lorena, Lester, Sylvia
Front: Peter and Malinda



Left to right: Sylvia Knuth, Lois Capp



Members of the Peter Gerig Family





Malinda and Peter Gerig



**Back: Don and Maureen Roth
Front: Malinda and Peter Gerig**



Left to right: Malinda, Lorena, Lester, Sylvia, Peter



Left to right: Lois, Mil, Lorena, Les, Peter, Harry, Malinda, Sylvia, Charlotte



Left to right: Lorena, Peter, Harry, Sylvia, Mil, Les



Les and Mil Gerig



Malinda and Peter Gerig 50th



Peter and Malinda Gerig 60th

Flanagan Home Times



FRIENDSHIP SCHOOL many years ago: Left to right back row: Mrs. Ada (Meils) Ewing teacher of Flanagan; Miss Inez Gerig (deceased); Miss Frieda Roeschley, Flanagan; Melvin Roeschley, Flanagan; Bert Wiechmann, Harm Wiechmann, Ebe Wiechmann (all deceased); Raymond O'Connell, Michigan.

Front row: Miss Laura Conrad, Sterling, Ill.; Miss Lorena Gerig, Flanagan; Miss Gwendolyn O'Connell,

Michigan; Mrs. Louis Brei (Irene Monk) Nichlos, Iowa; Mrs. Herman Lehman (Nettie Wiechmann); Flanagan; Mrs. Ollie Diller (Eunice Conrad); Whooster, Ohio; Mrs. Harry Knuth (Sylvia Gerig) Hinckley, Ill.; Roy Roeschley, Flanagan; Alfred Kleen, Michigan; Iva Roeschley (deceased) Raymond Spaniol, Cornell. (Photo furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Brei and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lehman).



Married 60 Years

The sixtieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gerig of Flanagan, Ill. was commemorated Dec. 14, 1958, with a family dinner attended by their children and grandchildren. Peter Gerig and Malinda Zimmerman were married Dec. 13, 1898, and they farmed in the Chenoa and Flanagan communities before moving to Flanagan in 1944. Their three living children are Lorena, at home, Mrs. Harry Knuth of Hickley, Ill., and Lester C. Gerig of Ft. Wayne, Ind. There are two grandchildren, Charlotte and Lois Knuth. The Gerigs are members of the Evangelical Mennonite Church of Gridley.

Lorena M. Gerig

FLANAGAN — The funeral of Lorena M. Gerig, 84, of Beulah Land Christian Nursing Home, Flanagan, will be at 11 a.m. today at Salem Evangelical Mennonite Church, rural Gridley.

The Rev. George Craig will officiate. Burial will be in Waldo Cemetery, rural Gridley.

Visitation will be from 10 to 11 a.m. today at the church. Frpelich Memorial Home, Flanagan, has charge of arrangements.

Miss Gerig, a retired waitress, died at 12:15 a.m. Sunday (Aug. 26, 1990) at St. Mary's Hospital, Streator.

She was born Oct. 5, 1905, in rural Chenoa, a daughter of Peter and Malinda Zimmerman Gerig.

Survivors include one sister, Sylvia Knuth, Hinckley; and one brother, Lester Gerig, Fort Wayne, Ind.

She was preceded in death by one sister.

Miss Gerig was a member of Salem Evangelical Mennonite Church.

She was a waitress at local restaurants.

Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Gerig. — Inez Mable Gerig, oldest daughter of Peter and Malinda Gerig, was born May 24, 1901, in Pike township, Livingston county, Ill. In 1909 she with her parents moved to Nebraska township, near Flanagan, Ill., where she resided until death came, October 21, at 11:40 p. m., death being due to pneumonia. Everything possible that loving hands could do was done to save her life which was so dear in her home, but God thought it best to pluck this rosebud from this earth. She reached the age of 17 years, 4 months and 27 days. She leaves to mourn her early departure father, mother, two sisters, Lorena and Sylvia and one brother, Lester, all at home, one grandfather, two grandmothers and many other relatives and friends. At the age of 14 years she accepted Christ as her personal Savior and on July 11, 1915, she was baptized and became a member of the Defenceless Mennonite church of Waldo township which faith she held dear until the end. She was a loving child in her home and was willing to be used in every way. She bore her sufferings with patience and it was her earnest desire to go to her heavenly home. She asked her parents to give her up, as she said, she sees Jesus and He was with her. They could hardly until God called her and released her from her sorrow and pain. Short funeral services were held at the family home Thursday at ten o'clock by Rev. Ben Rupp and C. R. Egle. Interment at Waldo cemetery.

Harry C. Knuth Passes Away

*Hinckley
Review
Apr. 27, 1978*

Harry C. Knuth, 76, Hinckley, died April 20, 1978, at the Kishwaukee Community Hospital in DeKalb following an illness of eight days.

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 22, 1978 at the Pierce Community United Methodist Church with the Rev. Clare Hewitt and the Rev. Ralph Wilson officiating. The Hope-well Singers, a trio from Kouts, Indiana, sang "The Grass Is Greener on the Other Side" and "How Great Thou Art". The congregation sang "Children of the Heavenly Father". Mrs. Sandra Cutsinger was the organist.

Burial was in the Pierce Cemetery and serving as pallbearers were Sheldon Klotz, Francis Miller, John Olson, Stanley Schumacher, Oliver Westphal, and William Wurtz.

Mr. Knuth was born March 30, 1902 in Bloomington, the son of Charles and Wilhelmina (Diedrich) Knuth. He married Sylvia Gerig in Flanagan on June 13, 1940.

He was education in the Bloomington schools. He worked for the Snow and Palmer Dairy Distributors, Bloomington prior to farming in the Flanagan area. In 1954, he moved to Hinckley where he continued farming until his retirement three years ago. He was a member of the Pierce Community United Methodist Church. At the time of his death, he was serving as Squaw Grove Township Trustee.

Surviving are his wife; two daughters, Charlotte Perillo of Loring Air Force Base, Maine, and Lois Capp of South Pasadena, California; two brothers, George of Bloomington and Carl of Denver, Colorado; and four grandchildren.

Peter Gerig, 95, Dies Thursday At Home Here

Last Rites Are Held Sunday
Afternoon, Interment Is In
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Peter Gerig, a lifelong resident of the Chenoa and Flanagan communities, died last Thursday night at 8:00 at his home here. He was ill but a short while before his death. He was 95 years of age.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2:00 at the Salem Mennonite church, Rev. Charles Rupp, pastor, officiating. Mrs. Ronald Gerig, organist, accompanied Lowell Litwiller and Ronald Gerig, who sang "Beyond The Sunset," and "Nearer To The Heart of God." The congregation sang two verses of "Faith Of Our Fathers," accompanied by Mrs. Vernon Zimmerman.

Burial was in Waldo cemetery. Pallbearers were Leland Stucky, Streator; Roger Stucky, Bloomington; Kenneth Zimmerman, Ottawa; Edwin Zimmerman, Peoria; Jerald Stucky and Edwin Zimmerman.

Visitation was held at the Froelich Memorial Home here Saturday afternoon and evening.

Mr. Gerig was born in Waldo township on July 23, 1874, a son of Joseph and Fannie Roth Gerig. He was united in marriage to Malinda Zimmerman on December 13, 1898, at Pontiac. Mrs. Gerig passed away on December 22, 1962.

Survivors are two daughters, Miss Lorena, at home; Mrs. Harry (Sylvia) Knuth, Hinckley; a son, Lester, Ft. Wayne, Ind.; two grandchildren, Mrs. Charlotte Perillo, New London, Conn., and Mrs. Lois Capp, Taiwan, and two great grandchildren, Stephen and Christopher Perillo.

He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Inez, five brothers and seven sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerig retired from farming in 1930, and moved to this village in 1944. He was a member of the Salem Evangelical Mennonite church, served on the Home Mission board of the Evangelical Mennonite church, was a director of the Mennonite hospital, Bloomington, the Meadows Mennonite Home and many local organizations.

Relatives and friends from a distance who attended the funeral were from Ft. Wayne and Wood-

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Survivors are two daughters, Miss Lorena at home; Mrs. Harry [Sylvia] Knuth, Hinckley, Illinois; a son, Lester, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

He was a member of the Salem Church and active in many areas. He was a director of the Mennonite Hospital, Bloomington, Illinois, the Meadows Mennonite Home, Flanagan, and had served on the Home Mission Board of the Evangelical Mennonite Church.

He retired from farming in 1930 and moved to Flanagan in 1944 where he resided until his death. Funeral services were conducted in the Salem Church with Pastor Charles Rupp officiating.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank everyone for the many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy and all the help given us at the time of our father's death.

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Early Saturday morning at her home Dec. 22, after several months of failing health she went to her heavenly Home at the age of 83 years, 9 months, and 13 days. Funeral services were conducted Dec. 24 at the Salem Church at 11 A.M. by the pastor, Rev. John Lehman. He spoke from the following Scripture verses which she had written on the fly leaf of her Bible.

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Safely Home

I am home in heaven, dear ones;
Oh so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty;
In this everlasting light!

All the pain and grief is over,
Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace for ever,
Safely home in heaven at last.

Did you wonder I so calmly
Trode the valley of the shade?
Oh, but Jesus' love illumined
Every dark and fearful glade.

And He came Himself to meet me
In that way so hard to tread;
And with Jesus' arm to lean on,
Could I have one doubt or dread?

Then you must not grieve so sorely,
For I love you dearly still;
Try to look beyond death's shadows;
Pray to trust our Father's will.

There is work still waiting for you,
So you must not idly stand;
Do it now, while life remaineth;
You shall rest in Jesus' land.

When that work is all completed,
He will gently call you home;
Oh, the rapture of that meeting,
Oh, the joy to see you come!

—Author Unknown.

Ageu Flanagan Lady Is Called Saturday Morn

Funeral Services For Mrs. Peter Gerig Are Held Saturday Morning

Mrs. Peter Gerig died at her home on North Jackson street at 3:20 o'clock Saturday morning. She had been in failing health for several months. She passed away at the age of 83 years nine months and 13 days.

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To this union were born four children, Inez, who died October 21, 1918, at the age of 17 years; Lorena at home; Mrs. Sylvia Knuth of Hinckley, and Lester of Fort Wayne, Ind..

She is survived by her husband, three children, two grandchildren, Charlotte and Lois Knuth; also four sisters, Mrs. Martha Hubley, Chicago; Mrs. Leah Williams, Miss Anna Zimmerman of Bloomington; Mrs. Alvera Small of Lincoln, and one brother, C. E. Zimmerman of Chenoa. She was preceded in death by one daughter, her parents, one sister, and one brother.

Mrs. Gerig was a faithful member of Salem Evangelical Mennonite church, and attended services as long as her health permitted. She was devoted to her family, and was always ready to lend a helping hand where she could.

Funeral services were held at Salem Mennonite church on Monday morning at 11:00 o'clock, with Rev. John Lehman officiating. Lowell Litwiller and Ronald Gerig sang "Safe In The Arms of Jesus," and "Shall We Meet?"

Pallbearers were Eldon Zimmerman, Kenneth Zimmerman, Vernon Zimmerman, Jerald Stucky, Leland Stucky and Richard Stucky. Burial was in Waldo cemetery.

Relatives attended from Antwerp and Lima, Ohio; Woodburn, Ind.; Hinckley, Chicago, Ottawa, Evanston, Peoria, Fisher, Lincoln, Bloomington and Chenoa.

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Mrs. Melinda Gerig

FLANAGAN — (PNS) — Mrs. Melinda Gerig, 83, died at her home in Flanagan at 3:30 a.m. Saturday.

Her funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Salem Mennonite Church. The Rev. John Lehman will officiate. Burial will be in Waldo Cemetery.

Friends may call after 2 p.m. Sunday at the Froelich Memorial Home in Flanagan.

Mrs. Gerig will be taken to the church at 10 a.m. Monday.

She was born March 9, 1879, in Chenoa, daughter of Christian and Catherine Steckley Zimmerman. She married Peter Gerig Dec. 13, 1898, at Pontiac.

Surviving are her husband; two daughters, Mrs. Sylvia Knuth, Hinckley, and Miss Lorena Gerig, Flanagan; one son, Lester, Fort Wayne, Ind.; two grandchildren; one brother, C. E. Zimmerman, Chenoa; four sisters, Mrs. Martha Hubley, Chicago; Mrs. F. W. Williams, 602 S. Roosevelt, Bloomington; Miss Anna Zimmerman, Bloomington; Mrs. Alvena Small, Lincoln.

One daughter, one brother and one sister preceded her in death. She was a member of Salem Mennonite Church.

The family has requested that expressions of sympathy be made in the form of memorial contributions to Mennonite Hospital, Bloomington.

Peter Gerig 1874

LINES BY LOIS

June 8, 1998

Dear Don,

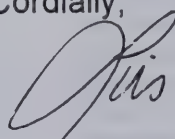
When Mom sold her house, I was privileged to get the "Gerig" kitchen cabinet. I understand that you took a picture of it when you had stopped at the farm to deliver the items from Les. So I thought that you might be interested in seeing a picture after I just refinished it. If you know any history about the cabinet, I would appreciate your sending it to me. I am not sure that the bottom doors are original as they are not made of oak and the hardware looks as if it could be more modern. I do know that the doors have been the way that they as long as I can remember. We did use it when we lived at Flanagan. At any rate we just finished the work on it this spring after we arrived back up at our lake home. It is in our kitchen and I even put flour in the flour bin.

It was a year ago this time that we were in Fort Wayne. Wednesday is Mom's 90th birthday and so we are going down to Illinois on Wednesday. Then on Saturday there is a Zimmerman reunion at Howard's on the farm near Chenoa. On Sunday then, we will have an open house at the church in rural Maple Park. Mother really enjoys all of this attention and wanted an open house. Charlotte and all of her family will be there for the weekend and Cathie and Anthony will arrive late Friday night as well. Then Mom, Cathie, and Anthony will all come up to the lake for a few weeks.

A few months ago Mom had a lot of swelling in her legs and she had more pain in her legs. I do believe though that the pain has lessened as the swelling decreased. So for now she seems OK. She did just pass her driving test again. She still has her car and does drive a bit but mostly during the day. She has enjoyed living at the retirement home and doesn't miss the farm. I think she enjoys the company as well as all of the conveniences and the fact that she doesn't have to cook.

I hope that this finds you both well. I hope that you are able to enjoy your new boat.

Cordially,





Lester C. Gerig



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Brotherhood Mutual Names Lester Gerig

Lester C. Gerig was promoted to the post of director of agents for the Brotherhood Mutual Life Insurance Co. at the annual policyholders meeting of the company.

Gerig succeeds M. M. Rupp, who was renamed executive secretary of the company. For the past six years, Gerig has served as agency supervisor.

Other officers re-elected at the annual meeting included Albert Neuenschwander, president; Peter Rupp, vice-president; Arlo Gump, assistant secretary; Ezra Steiner, treasurer; Donald R. Rupp, assistant treasurer; David Hogg, counsel; Dr. G. T. Bowers and Dr. J. W. Bowers, medical directors.

Directors Renamed

Renamed to the board of directors were Gump, Robert L. Rupp, Cyril Eicher and Gerig.

In his annual report, M. M. Rupp said 1952 saw the greatest single year gain in the company's history. Insurance in force increased 23.7 per cent. Assets showed an increase of 26.74 per cent. The net interest return after taxes and expenses amounted to 3.92 per cent. Premium income on accident and health insurance increased 35 per cent.

During the year the company expanded its operations to include the states of Kansas and Florida. Plans have been made for further expansion this year, Rupp said. He reported that business in January of this year had exceeded any other January in the firm's history, being ahead of January, 1952, by 58 per cent. The company's increased business has made it necessary to expand its home office headquarters at 230 East Berry St. he added.

Anniversaries



Mildred and Lester Gerig

The Gerigs

Lester C. and Mildred M. Gerig of Crystal Ridge Cove will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary with a reception 2-4 p.m. Aug. 22 at Brookside Church, corner of Maplecrest and Evard roads. They were married Aug. 19, 1933, at Gridley, Ill. Lester Gerig is retired from Mutual Security Life Insurance Co., where he was president and chairman. Mildred Gerig opened a claim office for State Farm Automobile Insurance and later joined Mutual Security Life Insurance Co. She is now retired. The couple knew each other as children. Their families were friends, and they attended the same church but didn't begin dating until after college.

Mildred M. Gerig, 86, of Fort Wayne died Saturday in St. Joseph Medical Center. The Gridley, Ill., native retired in 1963 as executive secretary for Mutual Security Life Insurance Co. after 17 years. Surviving are her husband, Lester C.; sisters, Ione Anderson of Eureka, Ill., Esther Phillis of El Paso, Ill., and Evelyn Nasziger of Gridley; and a brother, Earl Ehresman of Lockport, Ill. Services are 11 a.m. Tuesday in Brookside Community Church. Calling is 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, and 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesday in the church. Graveside services are 1 p.m. Wednesday in Waldo Township Cemetery, Gridley. Memorials are to the church.



YMCA Elects, APR 22 1969 Two Honored

Lester C. Gerig was re-elected president of the board of the Metropolitan YMCA at the annual meeting held last night in McKay Hall of First Presbyterian Church.

Other officers elected by the board of directors were Dr. Edward Thoma, re-elected vice president, development; J. E. Walley, vice president, property; Peter R. Anderson, vice president, program; Wayne Thieme, re-elected treasurer; and Thomas P. Sharples, secretary.

Elected to the board of directors were Jack Schrey, Roger Ralston, Herman Eckrich, Robert Starke, Richard Smith, Paul Seitz, Sharples, Jack Wilson, Herman Ehrman and Eugene Klepfer. Those elected to the board of trustees were E. H. Kilbourne, Dwight Shirey and David Cunningham.

Lisle Hodel and Harold Beeching were elected to fill out the unexpired terms of J. Kenneth Richards and David P. Williams, who resigned. The terms expire in 1970.

Service to Youth awards were made by the YMCA to George I. Duncan and Don Stebing. It was the first time two such awards were granted. Stebing is a graduate of Auburn High School and received his B.S. degree from Wittenburg University in 1949 and later received an M.A. degree from Ball State University. Duncan is an engineer with the General Electric Co. and has been active for several years in YMCA work.

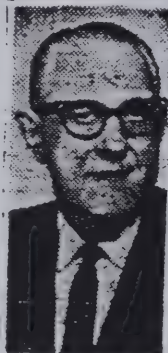
Speaker at last night's meeting was John H. Millikin, senior vice president of Bankers Trust Co., New York.



L. C. Gerig

Gerig Elected Chamber VP

Lester C. Gerig, president of Mutual Security Life Insurance Co., has been elected first vice president of the Fort Wayne



L. C. Gerig

Chamber of Commerce, it was announced yesterday.

Gerig, a past president for community development of the chamber, succeeds Joseph F. Morreale, manager of the Wayne Industrial Division of Dresser Industries. Morreale

relinquished the post because of new corporate responsibilities.

Morreale will fill the unexpired term of G. J. Reuss on the board. Reuss recently resigned his position with the Kroger Co.

Gerig will assume leadership in the review and development of all program activities of the chamber. JUL 22 1971

MSL Head Honored By National Unit

MAY 2 1973

The president of Mutual Security Life Insurance Co. of Fort Wayne, Lester C. Gerig, has been named as one of the 11 nationwide business and professional leaders of the year by Religious Heritage of America, Inc. (RHA).

Gerig will be cited at the group's 23rd annual national awards program.

"Through a combination of Christian commitment and expert business leadership, both aggressively pursued, he continues to involve himself in a variety of community and state institutions and national causes," RHA said in honoring Gerig.

RHA honors Americans who have made significant impact for good on national and community life and their application of religious principles.

Gerig is the president of the Taylor University board of trustees, Fort Wayne Chamber of Commerce and Indiana Security Investment Corp.

He is also a member of the Commission of Fraternal and Social Concerns of the Evangelical Mennonite Church, vice chairman of Evangelical Churchment a member of the finance committee of the National Association of Evangelicals and teaches an adult Sunday school class in his local congregation.

Insurance head to get 'Layman of Year' award

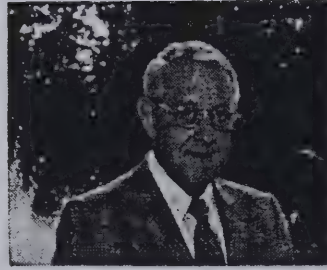
Lester C. Gerig, president of Mutual Security Life Insurance Co., will be honored in a special service at 10:30 a.m. Sunday in the Highland Bethel Evangelical Mennonite Church.

He will be presented the National Association of Evangelicals' "Layman of the Year" award by Billy A. Melvin, executive director of the association.

The association represents more than 30,000 local churches, providing a united voice for the evangelicals of America. Announcement of Gerig's selection was made at the association's 33rd annual convention held in the Spring in Los Angeles.



RECEIVES HONORARY DEGREE — Dr. Milo A. Rediger, center, president of Taylor University, congratulates Lester C. Gerig, right, recipient of an honorary Doctor of Laws degree during 123rd commencement ceremonies Sunday. Dr. Gordon G. Zimmerman, vice president for Academic Affairs, is also shown. Dr. Gerig, president of the Mutual Security Life Insurance Co., is president of the Taylor University Board of Trustees.



Dr. Lester Gerig
"Layman of the Year"

At the recent National Association of Evangelical's meeting in Los Angeles **Dr. Lester C. Gerig** of our congregation and president of Mutual Security Life Insurance Company, was selected as Lawman of the Year.

Paul Steiner, was elected to the fifteen man executive committee of the National Association of Evangelicals. He has been Chairman of the Churchman's Commission and led the workshops in that area at the convention in Los Angeles.

Speaker for Layman's Day was our own **Paul Steiner** who is active in many lay areas of our church, conference and community. He is president of Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Company.

The Highland Bethel Male Quartet provided the entire program for one Sunday evening. It is comprised of **Pastor G. Willis Toms, Bob Speaks, Robert Connor and Paul Steiner.**

WEST UNITY, OHIO

On January 26, in our morning service, three children brought by their parents were dedicated to the Lord. They were Keith Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Seiler; David Seth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Galen Short; and Meredith Laine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Short. In the evening service there was one baptism.

SPRING 1975

Honor Les Gerig for 30 years of service

To celebrate Lester C. Gerig's 30 years of service with Mutual Security Life of Ft. Wayne, Ind. and his recent election as MSL Board Chairman, the company has prepared a commemorative booklet in his honor.

Lester Gerig, formerly of Flanagan, married Mildred "Mil" Ehresman on August 10, 1933 and they make their home in Ft. Wayne. "Mil" is a sister to Mrs. Esther Phillis, Mrs. Evelyn Nafziger and Roy Ehresman all of Gridley.

"The lifetime of a good man may be measured in length of days, but an evaluation of his life's work is a far more profound task. How is depth of his spirit to be measured? How is the quality of his endeavors determined? On what delicate scale is the intensity and truth of his vision weighed?"

"By any just and righteous standard Lester C. Gerig is a man among men. As president of the Taylor University Board of Trustees he has helped shape the destiny of this institution, enriched its heritage and given richly of his time and energy in countless ways."

"As president of an insurance firm and leader in many other areas of finance he has demonstrated prudence, honesty and statesmanship, retaining always the finest attributes of a Christian gentleman."

"As a foremost churchman in his denomination and in many other evangelical efforts he has revealed an exemplary level of conviction and discipleship. As a friend he has ennobled and inspired his fellow man, and in so doing, has won our enduring gratitude and respect."

The preceding were the remarks of Gordon Zimmerman, Ph.D., Academic Dean of Taylor university at conferment of the degree, Doctor of Laws, Honoris Causa, upon Lester C. Gerig at Taylor university, Upland, Ind. on May 25, 1969 and found in the front page this commemorative booklet.

Gerig joined Brotherhood Mutual Life as field supervisor on April 1, 1946, elected to the board of directors in 1950, named director of agencies in 1953, named to the executive committee in 1956 and elected vice president in 1957. He became president of Mutual Security Life on May 2, 1963, after the death of president, M.M. Rupp.

He also became a member of Taylor University Board of Trustees in 1955 and chairman in 1964, YMCA board of directors



LESTER C. GERIG

and president of YMCA from 1967-70 and made an "Honorary Citizen" of Upland, in 1969.

Honors received that was listed in Who in insurance were: "Apprecia Award" presented by Taylor Univer Alumni Association in 1964, voted one of "Ten Best Dressed Men" by Indiana Re Men's Wear in 1965, received Doctor of La Honoris Causa, presented by Ta university, June 1, 1969, 'Service to You award presented by the Greater Metropol Fort Wayne YMCA in 1971, "1973 Business Professional Leader Award in Insuran presented by Religious Heritage of Amer Washington, D.C., "Layman of the Ye award given by the National Associatio Evangelicals in 1974 and "Certificate Merit" presented by the Indiana Ameri Revolution Bicentennial Commission in 197

Les Gerig has been active in m. organizational memberships, offices : honors too numerous to mention.

GERIG HONORED WITH NATIONAL AWARD

By G. Willis Toms

On June 7, 1973 at the Washington Hilton Hotel in Washington, D. C. Mr. Lester C. Gerig, a member of Highland Bethel Church, Fort Wayne, was honored by an award from Religious Heritage of America. He was one of 11 business and professional leaders to receive such an award. The awards are "presented to outstanding business and professional men or women for achieving a significant impact for good in their communities, or on a national level, by the practical application of the principles of their religious heritage in their daily lives."

The plaque received by Mr. Gerig was inscribed as follows: "By your inspiring application of religious principles in your daily life you have strengthened and upheld the ethics and ideals of our nation's religious heritage."

In his response upon receiving the award, Mr. Gerig told the 300 invited guests, including Senator Jennings Randolph of West Virginia, former Congressman Brooks Hays of Arkansas, Dr. Walter Judd, and Senator Gurney of Florida, "My life and whatever abilities I have are gifts from God and, therefore, I express my gratitude to Him. . . . I thank God for the privilege which was afforded me to accept Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour and Lord of my life, and for the peace of mind and heart that came to me."

A reception and banquet with 1000

S U M M E R 1973



Lester Gerig shows Religious Heritage Award. Photo taken in his presidential office at Mutual Security Life Insurance Company overlooking the MSL Lake.

in attendance capped a very busy day that will be long remembered by the Gerigs and their many friends.

Highland Bethel Church and the EMC can be proud of and grateful for this fine Christian gentleman.

Lester Gerig Cited In National Award

Lester C. Gerig, president of Mutual Security Life Insurance Co., of Fort Wayne, has been named by Religious Heritage of America, Inc., as one of 11 nationwide Business and Professional Leaders of the Year.

Gerig, one of two Hoosiers to be named to the award, will be honored at the Religious Heritage of America's 23rd annual national awards program.

The other Hoosier to be so honored is Dean Manion, a South Bend attorney.

Gerig will be honored in the insurance industry category of the Religious Heritage awards, as "a recognized leader throughout the state and nation."

Religious Heritage of America said Gerig, "through a combination of Christian commitment and expert business leadership, both aggressively pursued, continues to involve himself in a variety of community and state institutions and national causes."

Religious Heritage of America is a national, interfaith, religious and educational organization working to preserve and celebrate America's religious heritage. Through its annual national awards program, RHA honors those Americans who, by a practical application of their religious principles in their daily lives and industries or professions, have made a significant impact for good on national and community life.

Among Gerig's religious civic and business involvements are the presidencies of the Taylor University Board of Trustees, the Fort Wayne Chamber of Commerce and Indiana Security Investment Corp.

He is a member of the Commission on Fraternal and Social Concerns of the Evangelical Mennonite Church, vice-chairman of Evangelical Churchmen, a member of the Finance Committee of the National Association of Evangelicals and teaches an adult Sunday school class in his local congregation.

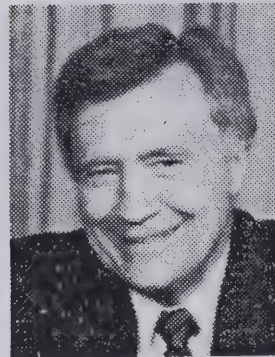
Gerig is also a board member of Indiana Bank and Trust Co., the Fort Wayne Metropolitan



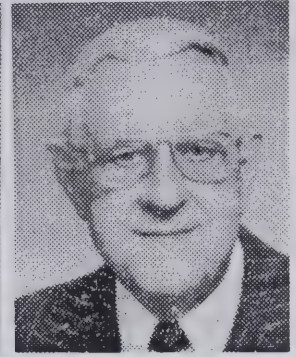
Lester C. Gerig

YMCA, Fort Wayne Foundation, Inc., Junior Achievement of Fort Wayne and Allen County, the Allen County Comprehensive Health Planning Council, the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission, Indiana Region III Comprehensive Health Planning Council and Fort Wayne Future.

He is also a member of the Board of Governors of Associated Colleges of Indiana, is on the advisory boards of the local chapter of Big Brothers of America and the Medical Education Foundation, and has been actively involved in a number of other state insurance committees and organizations.



Merle Rocke



Lester Gerig

LESTER C. GERIG, chairman of the board, has been named president of the Mutual Security Life Insurance Co., 3000 Coliseum Blvd. E., succeeding MERLE N. ROCKE, 60, who has taken early retirement after 30 years with the firm. Rocke's retirement, due to personal reasons, was effective last week. Gerig, 73, formerly served as president of the firm for 14 years, until 1977. Rocke will continue as a board member. Gerig has been with MSL since 1946. The firm employs 500 people in Fort Wayne and had a net gain for operations, after dividends, of \$1.54 million in 1983.

Gerigs Guest Of Nixons at White House

Mr. and Mrs. Lester C. Gerig 8829 Maravilla Drive, were among a limited number of citizens attending White House worship services Sunday as guests President and Mrs. Nixon.

Gerig said he was not certain why he received the invitation though he believed it was because he has attended several Presidential Prayer Breakfast and is active in the International Christian Leadership Association.

The Gerigs also were invited to a reception following the service. They visited with the Nixons, cabinet members, Supreme Court justices, senators and representatives, and others. Such services have been conducted periodically since President Nixon took office.

Discussing the reception, Gerig said the Nixons "are very congenial hosts and have the ability to make everyone feel at ease."

Dr. Lester Gerig Honored In Retirement Ceremonies

A benchmark in the life of Dr. Lester C. Gerig, Chairman of the Taylor Board of Trustees, was celebrated January 13. The occasion was an honor dinner to pay tribute to this noted Christian businessman upon his retirement from the presidency of Mutual Security Life Insurance Company.

Participants in the memorable event included Taylor president Dr. Robert C. Baptista, and faculty and students from the Taylor Department of Music.

Tributes representing various areas in which Dr. Gerig has had exceptional influence were given by Chancellor and Mrs. Milo A. Rediger; Dr. Billy A. Melvin, Executive Director, National Association of Evangelicals and Taylor alumnus; Maclyn T. Parker, Past President, Fort Wayne Chamber of Commerce; Allen C. Steer, Senior Vice President, Lincoln National Life Insurance Company; and Merle N. Rocke, former Taylor Trustee, and Dr. Gerig's successor as President of M.S.L.

In expressing appreciation for Dr. Gerig, Dr. Rediger stated, "In addition to his responsibilities as president of a major insurance company, Mr. Gerig has been involved in many civic activities. But these many lines of responsibility and opportunity have never detracted from his creative leadership as demonstrated in the Taylor program. This loyalty to the institution, his innovative guidance, decision-making ability and discernment were instrumental in forging the substance of the present-day Taylor."



Dr. Lester Gerig visits with Ambassador and Mrs. E. Ross Adair during retirement ceremonies.

In keeping with Dr. Gerig's life and convictions, the evening was a Christ-honoring event. "My life and whatever abilities I have are gifts from God, and therefore, I express my gratitude to Him," Dr. Gerig emphasized.

One of the leading Christian businessmen in the U.S., Dr. Gerig joined the Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Company (forerunner of M.S.L.) in 1946, was elected to the Board of Directors in 1950 and was named Director of Agencies in 1953. He became Vice President in 1957 and President in 1963.

During his 30 years with the firm, insurance in force increased from five million to more than one billion dollars.

Dr. Gerig became a Taylor Trustee in 1955 and in 1964 was named Chairman of the Board—the position he currently holds. For his talented leadership he was named recipient of the Taylor Alumni

Appreciation Award in 1964 and was awarded a Doctor of Laws degree in 1969.

For his devoted service in the Evangelical Mennonite Church and in many other areas of evangelical Christian service, Dr. Gerig was named "Layman of the Year" by the National Association of Evangelicals. He has held several key positions with the NAE.

Dr. Gerig also has participated in national and local prayer breakfasts, served on the Board of the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission and has held many other civic and church offices.

He received the 1973 "Business and Professional Leader Award in Insurance" from Religious Heritage of America and in 1976 was awarded the "Certificate of Merit" by the Indiana American Revolution Bicentennial Commission.

Dr. Gerig now serves as Chairman of the Board of Mutual Security Life and Consultant to the company.



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ELECTED TO SERVE



Lester C. Gerig

In March, 1946 I elected to join MSL. It was a voluntary choice - and a good decision.

The following days were challenging, and provided an opportunity for me to grow and serve both our policyowners and the management of MSL.

Another very important day was April 27, 1963, which began much the same as many days in the past. It was a beautiful day, the sun was shining and spring was in evidence. Two individuals were pursuing activities they enjoyed when not deeply involved in life insurance responsibilities. M. M. Rupp, MSL President, was delivering a Gideon address in Little Rock, and I was mowing my lawn.

Suddenly an event took place. Mr. Rupp was stricken with a heart attack and died immediately. He went to his Heavenly Reward, and I left my yard tractor where it was when I received word of his death.

This event brought about a number of other events. The ballgame had now changed, the inning was over and I was at bat.

On May 2, 1963 I was elected by the Board of Directors to serve as President of MSL. This election demanded that I serve the Board of Directors, the policyowners, the employees and our agents.

The thirteen plus years that followed have been challenging, rewarding and happy years. There were, of course, many painful experiences and anxious moments; but these were all blessings, and provided stepping stones which have brought us to where we are today.

In my address at the 1963 Agent's Convention I began by saying: "Something is happening today that has never happened before - my appearance before you at this Convention as President for the first time." I am equally aware that as I stand here today something is happening that has never happened before: this is my last appearance at an MSL Convention as President.

It is difficult to know what to say since there is so much that could be said. Naturally, I was tempted

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to talk about the achievements of MSL, but the record speaks for itself. I could talk about my accomplishments, but that would be self-serving.

Several persons suggested that I share my philosophy and some experiences which might be helpful to others. Since I believe the maxim, "The past to be remembered - the future to mold," I will share some things that served me well over the years, and include some absolutes which cannot change. I hope this will be helpful to you in molding your careers with MSL.

When I was elected to serve as President I realized that the destiny of MSL was in my hands. This was not only a responsibility, but also a tremendous opportunity.

I was aware, too, that what I "thought" important was, because that would dictate the course that would be pursued. I also realized that certain universal laws had to be reckoned with which would make the difference between success and failure. These laws apply to anyone who wishes to succeed and be a leader, and all of you are leaders.

I also was aware that there are certain basic concepts which must be recognized. First, "Everyone has a right to fail as well as succeed." Second, "You can do whatever you want to - good or bad - but you must expect the corresponding results." The error is to assume you can do whatever you want to do and success will follow. This is false. Life pays each person exactly what he has earned. Many of the world's most disappointed people are those who get

what's coming to them. Third, "You cannot blame anyone else for either failure or success. You, and only you, determine this." Since the beginning of time and to the end of time, there is only one you - please make the most of your life!

Here, now, is what I firmly believe. In fact, I believe these are universal laws that affect the life of every person. They have been very important to me, and have helped mold my life.

THIRTEEN UNIVERSAL LAWS

1. *First of all, our primary and greatest responsibility is to God. Without a right relationship with God life is meaningless and without purpose.*

The Bible tells us in Matthew 6:33, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all of these things will be added unto you."

I am a firm believer that we should not pray for doors to open, but rather that doors close if we are not proceeding in the right direction.

My entire life has been spent with two companies. While in my first position I considered employment with another life insurance company. Everything progressed on schedule - the city had been decided upon, the time of my arrival, etc. Then a final question was raised.

It was noted that I did not use tobacco, and there was no objection. Actually, they commended me on this. They then commented that I did not use alcoholic beverages. This was fine, but would I object to buying drinks for prospective clients and customers in order to get business. My answer was that I would not do so. That ended our discussion, and I never heard from them again. I am glad God closed the door because if I had joined that company, I would not have known the joy and blessings of being with MSL.

A right relationship with God sets the stage for a balanced and successful life.

2. *ATTITUDE: I am convinced that one of the most important elements in success is a constructive attitude. Every individual needs to*

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find some pride of accomplishment in what he does. Unless you feel that your work has importance and usefulness to others you will become frustrated and ineffective. This I found true in my career.

Your attitude will determine how you deal with circumstances that touch your life.

An optimist has been well described as one who sees the opportunity in difficulty; the pessimist as one who sees the difficulty in opportunity. Eternal optimism is a mighty force in making friends and influencing people.

I am convinced your attitude will determine the altitude to which you will rise. Some people are their own worst enemy.

3. *CONFIDENCE: We must have an unshakable belief in ourselves and in our abilities.*

We must believe we can do a quality job - that we are important to the Company, our community and the people we serve. We must believe we are making a valuable contribution to society. We must enjoy competition and not shrink from it. If we believe in ourselves we will turn apparent disadvantage to advantage. If you never picture yourself as a success it is unlikely that you will achieve success. If you don't believe in yourself why should anyone else believe in you?

God has endowed us with talent, some with more than others. We must be effective workmen using to the fullest the talents which have been entrusted to us. You will recall from the parables in the Bible that it was not the amount of talents, but what was done with them that counted. This makes the difference between a leader and a follower.

I must admit that I never expected to be second, I knew I would make my share of mistakes, but fail? --- never!

4. *LOYALTY: Loyalty begins with believing. Everyone believes something. What we believe is important. It determines what we do, and it determines our attitude. Our degree of belief determines how much and the quality of what we do.*

There never was a doubt in my mind! Mutual Security Life was the only company for me. Even though I was offered a position with another company at

three times my earnings with MSL, plus a Cadillac each year, there was no question. MSL was for me!

You, too, must believe in MSL. While there are over 1800 life insurance companies, and many are good, none is better than MSL. If you have any doubt about MSL, you should be with another company. We want everyone with us who should be with us, but we don't want anyone who should be with another company.

Recently two LIMRA representatives were in the Home Office to review findings of the recent survey in which you participated.

They emphasized the unusual belief our agents have in our Company. They also made the following statement: "There is a tremendous pride in the company and its Christian foundation."

In answer to the question, *If starting again, would you try to join our company?*, the favorable response was higher than any other company ever surveyed by LIMRA.

On the next comment, *Our company has a good reputation among the public*, only two companies had a more favorable response.

Relative to the statement, *The future outlook for our company is good*, no other company had as favorable a response.

We believe in you, too! Our MSL family is the greatest. I thank God for you!

5. *COMMITMENT: Commitment consists of conviction of purpose, dedication to a cause, and a will to succeed.*

Commitment implies that you have determined a goal, and will pursue it with a "do or die" attitude.

A committed person will make the necessary sacrifices in time and effort to reach his goals. He must be willing to expend the "extra effort" that makes the difference between average performance and outstanding performances.

When I was employed by Mr. Rupp he said the company couldn't pay much, but would provide opportunities. That was good enough for me. I took less pay to join MSL than my previous job provided. I never regretted this. This sacrifice was the best investment I ever made.

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A person's actions are but a reflection of his attitude. A right attitude cannot be defeated.

For the committed person each challenge and each problem represents an opportunity by which abilities can be sharpened, talents revealed and capabilities realized.

6. *ENERGY: A leader must be willing to do everything he asks of his followers, and more.*

If he is going to serve he must be able to: *work harder* (in my early employment I worked on the average of 60 to 70 hours per week, I'm glad I did!); *concentrate longer* (I was on the road much of the time, but when in the city I was at the office until ten o'clock most nights. I don't regret it.); *face extra danger; carry the extra burden; go the extra mile. And be happy doing it.* He must abound in energy, be an eternal optimist and always enthusiastic.

This energy comes from within. John Wesley, founder of Methodism, was a frail little man only 5 feet 4 inches tall. But every morning he arose at four o'clock, delivered his first sermon at five o'clock, and was on the road by six a.m. Every day he traveled 60 to 70 miles on horseback, preaching to anyone who would hear him. At night he sat up writing books or composing hymns by candlelight.

In all his 87 years he never once spared himself. People loved him and followed him for it, and he is remembered today.

Energy provides the ability to persist in the face of frustration and discouragement without becoming discouraged and losing sight of your objective.

7. *CREATIVE VISION is a must!*

It is a combination of

- a. alertness - recognizing needs
- b. imagination - aggressive thinking
- c. foresight - sound solutions
- d. you make the plans - don't follow the plans of others

You are familiar with these words, "Without vision the people perish."

There are four kinds of people: those who make things happen; those to whom things happen; those who watch things happen; and those who don't even know what is happening.

Creative vision makes things happen!

8. *PERSONAL INITIATIVE: Everything begins with your desire and willingness to pay the price. The winner of a race comes in first; you never win by being second.*

You must do more than you are paid to do.

Early in my first job the senior member of the firm called me into his office. He indicated that he thought I had the potential for a good future but unless I did more than I was paid to do, I would shortchange myself. I appreciated this sound advice.

Personal initiative is what causes you to do what failures don't do. It has its rewards.

9. *ACCURATE THINKING: A leader must be able to*

- a. get the facts
- b. reason logically
- c. weigh alternatives
- d. make decisions
- e. act decisively

10. *TENACITY: The capacity to hang on for five minutes longer. It makes the difference.*

11. *CONCERN: Experience has taught that people will not accept or follow anyone unless they feel that he cares about them and their problems.*

12. *MORALITY: A strong code of ethics, strong sense of personal integrity.*

13. *DETERMINATION: This is the desire and willingness to pay the price. It is action.*

The best ideas, plans and opportunities have no value unless they are put into operation. Determination separates the men from the boys. It eliminates doubts. It is do or die!

A good example of determination is the election of Jimmy Carter as President. Four years ago he determined that he would be President. He planned his

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strategy and plowed ahead. He was right on schedule, including winning the election. Anyone with less determination would have failed in view of the obstacles he had to overcome along the way.

Determination reduces problems to a size we can handle.

The laws and concepts I have just described are largely those which have been found in great measure, historically, in all American pioneers and individuals. They are the qualities of individual character that have made this country great.

The frontier today has changed...

The frontier today has changed, but there are still frontiers to be conquered. They may not be geographical frontiers, but rather frontiers of the mind and spirit. And pioneers are needed as never before.

Our free enterprise system is being challenged in many ways, from both inside and outside our own country. We have no guarantee that it can be preserved, unless we work harder to preserve it. It is, after all, a relatively new economic concept which has existed for only a few hundred years - a mere moment in the long history of mankind. But, in that relatively short time, it has done more for people than any other economic system ever devised by human mind. It has been a great system so far, and has created the highest standard of living and greatest freedom of expression ever attained by the human race. But it can fail in the future if we don't protect it, and become just another system that was tried but which finally failed - like so many others before it.

As a citizen and as a Christian I want to improve the lot of those who may be less fortunate or underprivileged. But, I don't believe this can be done successfully in the long run by discouraging or pulling down those who are more successful. It can be done only by lifting up others, and helping them do a better job in their own interests.

I read an article dealing with our social and economic problems which included the following:

"You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich."

"You cannot strengthen the weak by weaken-

ing the strong."

"You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift."

"You cannot lift the wage earner by pulling the wage payor down."

"You cannot build character and courage by taking away men's initiative and independence."

"You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves."

I am convinced that high incentives promote performance. A lack of incentive encourages mediocrity.

Because of a lack of incentives and rewards many able people today are settling for less than they should. As a consequence we all are losing the benefit of their best talents. Unfortunately today too many people *vote* for a living instead of *working* for a living.

...we are in danger of losing our most important freedom

Much is said about protecting the rights and freedoms of our society, but we are in danger of losing our most important freedom - namely, the freedom to take a risk, rely on ourselves and stand or fall by the results. One of our inalienable rights is the right to do our own job in our own way and abide by the consequences. In other words the right to lose our shirt trying, if that's what we want to do.

I am concerned that we as citizens must quit looking for what we can get from Government and start thinking in terms of what we can give. We hear too much about the rights of citizens, and too little about responsibilities. Our freedom has been preserved so far only because citizens have recognized their responsibilities - not because they have their rights.

...life insurance...one of the greatest bulwarks of our free enterprise system

We are in a great business. The life insurance industry as a whole is one of the greatest bulwarks of our

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Lester Gerig was born in Flanagan, Illinois, May 21, 1901, to Lester and Maanda (Zimmerman) Gerig. He was the youngest of four children. After attending public schools in the Flanagan area, he enrolled in Browns Business College in Bloomington, Illinois, where he majored in business. Prior to graduating in June 1930, he accepted a position with Capen Insurance Agency in Bloomington.

On August 19, 1933, at Gridley, Illinois, Les was married to Mildred Mae Ehresman. They enjoyed 63 years of married life until Mil passed away on October 12, 1996. In April 1946, they moved to Fort Wayne where Les accepted a position with Mutual Security Life Insurance Company. He was elected to the Board of Directors in 1950 and became President and Chairman of the Board in 1963. Upon his retirement in 1977, he was elected Chairman of the Board. In 1984 he again became President and Chairman of the Board. He retired from these positions in 1987.

Through his friendship with Dr. Milo A. Rediger, Les became deeply involved in the life of Taylor University. He joined Taylor's Board of Trustees in 1955 and became Chairman of the Board in 1964, a position he held until 1981. Two special recognitions by Taylor included being awarded the Doctor of Laws, Honoris Causa in 1969 and having Gerig Hall named in his honor on his birthday in 1986.

Les developed an interest in politics and remained a committed member of the Republican party. His greater political achievements included serving as campaign chairman for Dan Coats in his congressional elections (1980-1988), and he also was involved in both of Dan Quayle's congressional elections (1976-1978).

Les was also involved in the Greater Fort Wayne Chamber of Commerce, Allen County Plan Commission, Fort Wayne Leadership Prayer Breakfast, National Association of Evangelicals, Religious Heritage of American, and the Washington Leadership Prayer Breakfast. He attended eighteen National Prayer Breakfasts in Washington. Two special honors included receiving the Religious Heritage Award in June 1973 and being named Layman of the year in 1975 by National Association of Evangelicals.

For 30 years Les and Mil were active at Highland Bethel Evangelical Mennonite Church. During this time Les served as Sunday School teacher and Chairman of the Board. In 1978 Les and Mil began attending Brookside Community Church, where he served as an elder and for four years as chairman of that board. In 1989 he was given Elder Emeritus status. He was also very active in Evangelical Mennonite Conference serving as Treasurer and a member of the General Board.

Early in life Les accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior and Lord. In reflecting upon his achievements he always gave all of the credit to God. He also gave much credit for his success to Mil who walked through life with him as his wife, his friend and his confidant.

Preceding Les in death were his parents and two sisters, Inez and Lorena. Les is survived by one sister, Sylvia Knuth, and two nieces, Charlotte Perillo and Lois Sorenson. He is also survived by a host of relatives, friends and business associates who are grateful for his example, his love and his leadership.

THAT YOU MAY KNOW...

"Then I heard a voice from heaven say, 'Write: blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.' 'Yes,' says the Spirit, 'They will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them.'"

Revelation 14:13

Mildred M. Gerig was born to Joseph and Anna Ehresman on June 27, 1910 in Gridley, Illinois. She graduated from Gridley High School and attended Brown's Business College in Bloomington, Illinois. On August 19, 1933, she married Lester C. Gerig in Flanagan, Illinois. They recently celebrated their 63rd Wedding Anniversary!

Mildred was a great support to Les during his business career and retired as an executive secretary at Mutual Security Life Insurance Co. in 1963 after 17 years of service. She enjoyed working with the public and made everyone feel as though they were family.

Mildred and Les enjoyed the arts, musical programs at Taylor and "eating out" together with friends. She excelled in everything to which she put her hand. She was an active member of Brookside Community Church for many years, serving in numerous volunteer capacities.

Mildred is survived by her husband, Lester, three sisters, Esther Phillis of El Paso, Illinois, Ione Anderson of Eureka, Illinois, and Evelyn Nafziger of Gridley, and a brother, Earl Ehresman of Lockport, Illinois.

Mildred Gerig will be forever cherished, loved and missed by all!

**Interment will be at the Waldo Township Cemetery in
Gridley, Illinois on Wednesday, October 16.
The graveside service begins at 1:00 p.m.**

*Mildred's family wishes to express their
appreciation to each of you for your love,
support and prayer during these difficult days.*

In Remembrance of a Servant-Leader

Dr. Lester C. Gerig, trustee emeritus, passed away August 1 at the age of 86 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had served on the Taylor University Board of Trustees since 1955. For 17 years he was chairman of the board and was subsequently named a trustee emeritus.

"Dr. Gerig was a man ahead of his time," reflects Dr. Daryl Yost, provost/executive vice president. "He was a visionary with a heart to serve God and His Kingdom and was tireless in his efforts to make Taylor University everything that God had intended it to become."

"Over the years, I grew to love and respect Dr. Gerig," says Nelson Rediger, associate executive director of the William Taylor Foundation. "I remember when in 1960 the old administration building burned down, and later when Taylor almost moved to Fort Wayne, I watched Dr. Gerig's leadership in discussing the need for new buildings and a commitment to stay rooted in Upland. I was impressed with his dedication, not only to Jesus Christ, but also to Taylor University."

"Dr. Gerig reminded me of my father in his wisdom and soft-spoken, gentle voice," Rediger continues. "In everything his attitude was, 'Do what is right.' He was 100 percent committed to Taylor University in his thoughts and actions."

Dr. Jay Kesler, president, wrote about Gerig: "A Christian gentleman and business leader, Les Gerig moved Taylor University to a new level of professional management and excellence. He recognized the need for a partnership between clergy, educators and the business community. I credit Les Gerig with building the foundation that has allowed Taylor University to become the institution that it is in the 1990s. His legacy is among the greatest contributions made over 150 years of Taylor University history."



Lester and Mildred Mae Gerig as newlyweds

Rosie Kerlin, chair of the Board of Trustees, drew much inspiration from Gerig. "Dr. Gerig was a truly godly man—a godly leader—whose 'heart was made gentle by God.' He was a wonderful example of what a Christian leader should be," she writes. "I knew and experienced his gentle responses and actions in all situations in my time on the Board with him."

Gerig was preceded in death by his wife, Mildred Mae (Ehresman), who died October 12, 1996. The couple shared 63 years of married life together.

Gerig was born on May 23, 1911, in Flanagan, Ill., to Peter and Malinda Gerig. He was the youngest of four children. After attending public schools in the Flanagan area, he enrolled in Browns Business College in Bloomington, Ill., where he majored in business and corporate law. He graduated in 1930.

During his lifetime, Gerig received due recognition for his service. In 1964, he was presented the Appreciation Award by the Taylor University Alumni Association for his contribution to improving the University. Four years later, he was recognized with the Honorary Citizen of Upland Award. In 1969, he received the honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Taylor University. In 1982, he and Mildred received the Distinguished Friends Award from the Taylor University Alumni Association. He was also

honored with the Business and Professional Leader Award in Insurance by the Religious Heritage of America. Gerig Hall stands today as a visible testimony of his love for Taylor University.

An active supporter of public and community service, Gerig served on numerous executive committees.

Additionally, he was a board member of various organizations and associations including the Allen County Health Planning Council; Fort Wayne Foundation, Inc.; Fort Wayne Futures, Inc.; Fort Wayne Medical Education Foundation Advisory Board; Junior Achievement of Fort Wayne and Allen County; and the Evangelical

Mennonite Church of North America (Fort Wayne). He held memberships in Brookside Church, Fort Wayne Quest Club, Fort Wayne Rotary Club and Fort Wayne Life Insurance Underwriters Association.

Gerig developed an interest in politics and remained a committed member of the Republican Party. His political achievements included serving as campaign chairman in Senator Dan Coats' congressional elections from 1980 to 1988. He was also involved in Senator Dan Quayle's congressional elections from 1976 to 1978.

Gerig is survived by sister Sylvia Knuth; two nieces, Charlotte Perillo and Lois Sorenson; and a host of relatives, friends and business associates grateful for his example, his love and his leadership. A memorial service for Gerig was held August 5, at the Brookside Community Church in Fort Wayne. *Eric Tan '96*



Dr. Lester C. Gerig was a long-time Taylor Trustee.

I am very blessed and privileged to be adding my tribute to those already shared.

Les was a man who knew that he had been saved by the shed blood of Jesus Christ. He knew that his salvation was by grace through faith. He told me the story of his conversion. As a boy attending Salem Mennonite Church, Les was led to faith in Christ by his Sunday School teacher, David N. Claudon. When He got home and told his dad, his dad reviewed with Les what he had done, and made doubly sure that Les had indeed invited Jesus to become his Savior.

I never heard Les doubt that fact. Neither did I ever hear him take personal credit for it. In these last months when he was so ready to go home, he remained confident of this fact: to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.

There were three distinct results in Les' life that proceeded directly from his relationship with Jesus:

- His commitment to Mil as his wife
- his respect for his parents, and especially for his dad
- his loyalty to the church, in its local, denominational and inclusive dimensions

The last man to serve as his Senior Pastor, John Strubhar, especially appreciated this last result.

My tribute to Les is in the form of a letter I have written to him. It reads:

Dear Les,

From Day 1 of my life you and Mil were there for me. The proof of this is the gift tag in my baby book, indicating that I received a gift from you at my birth. Mil was Dad's cousin in the Ehresman family and you were Mom's cousin in the Gerig family. In practice, however, you were more like my uncle and aunt. As the yeas went by you two became another Dad and Mom to me.

As a child my Mom taught me to know and love all my relatives. She had a special place in her heart for your parents, Uncle Pete and Aunt Malinda, and for you, Lorena and Sylvia. Beyond that, she told me that when I grew up I should pattern my life after you.

In 1946, when I was 10, you and Mil moved from Illinois to Fort Wayne. All of us in Illinois watched with pride as you rose to prominence with Mutual Security Life Insurance Company. In those years you looked larger than life to me; a man I respected but could never relate to. I never dreamed that some day God would lead me to Fort Wayne, and that he would wind our lives together.

After arriving here I began to see a lot of you and Mil. Almost everywhere I went, you two were there. Our lives intersected in family, church and community events. I looked forward to each of those times, and valued our growing relationship. But there was an inequity: you had so much to offer me and I had so little to give to you.

You generously and lovingly introduced me into your various worlds: business, politics, higher education, NAE, Religious Heritage and Washington, D.C. You listened to my questions, corrected my assumptions and stretched my perspective.

Over the years there were 3 distinct chapters in our togetherness that I want to mention:

- 1) Your first retirement, beginning in 1977. You had time for me and we did a lot of breakfasts and lunches. I asked questions and you shared your life with me. I learned so much and felt very close to you. In retrospect those were several wonderful years.
- 2) My pastoral role in your life, beginning in 1978. How privileged and unworthy I felt in that role. However, you encouraged me and expressed your support for me. You also threw your time, energy and giftedness into the ministry. And you did this not only for me, but also for my successor. Even in these last weeks you were anticipating the arrival of your new Senior Pastor.
- 3) These last 5 years as one of your caregivers. I well remember your 59th wedding anniversary. You asked Mil whom she wanted to spend it with and she said, "Maureen and Don." We went to Fort Wayne Country Club and had one more wonderful dinner there. Later that evening, in your home, you posed the question, "Would we give some help to you and Mil as you got older and less independent?" How hard that was for you, both then and in these last five years.

More recently I have watched as life has become more difficult for you. Your mobility, your eyesight, your hearing and your memory were all failing. You knew it, we knew it and together we tried to compensate. During these times you were given great care by Max and Sharon Ehresman, Gloria and Harold Gerig, and Daryl and Jonita Yost, as well as Maureen and me. We all loved you and felt grateful to share life with you.

It took your last illness for me to fully realize how deeply you impacted my life, how much I love and respect you, and how greatly I will miss you.

I am grateful for who I was in your life. I always wanted to make you proud of me. I know you were. I want to follow your example, by reaching out to younger men, and providing for them this mentoring-fathering relationship.

Good-bye, Les! I know you're in heaven with Jesus, with Mil and with your parents. I'm coming some day, and I know you'll be there, as you always have here, to welcome me with open arms. Until then, I love you, and thank God for you.

Mary Gerig

THE FAMILY OF HENRY AND MARY (GERIG) GERIG

MARY GERIG	b. Nov 11, 1876	d. Jan 5, 1968
m:		
Henry Gerig	b. Sep 7, 1875	d. Nov 18, 1947
1. Amanda Luella Gerig	b. Jun 24, 1903	d. Sep 18, 1980
m: Dec 14, 1926		
Elmer Alexander Adreon	b. Jun 15, 1896	d. Apr 4, 1984
AMANDA LUELLA GERIG	b. Jun 24, 1903	d. Sep 18, 1980
m: December 14, 1926		
Elmer Alexander Adreon	b. Jun 15, 1896	d. Apr 4, 1984
A. Mary Amanda Adreon	b. May 2, 1929	d. Dec 26, 1988
B. Ronald Lee Adreon	b. Jul 8, 1943	
m: Jul 4, 1964		
Karen Sue Rinard	b. Aug 31, 1946	
1. Andrea Sue Adreon	b. Oct 9, 1965	
m: Mar 23, 1991		
Carl Louis Burns	b. Sep 30, 1965	
a. Patrick Louis Burns	b. Jan 23, 1992	
b. Katilyn Marie Burns	b. Oct 15, 1997	
2. Ronald Lee Adreon, Jr.	b. Jul 20, 1966	
Tracey Rae Adreon	b. Mar 7, 1969	
m: Jul 15, 1984		
James Martin Amstutz	b. Oct 11, 1961	
a. Ranae Marie Amstutz	b. Aug 5, 1984	
Ronald Lee Adreon	b. Jul 8, 1943	
m: Oct 9, 1986		
June Marie (Pelkie) Goldy	b. Jun 10, 1937	d. Sep 27, 1995



GERIG SISTERS
Left to right: Mary, Emma, Lizzie

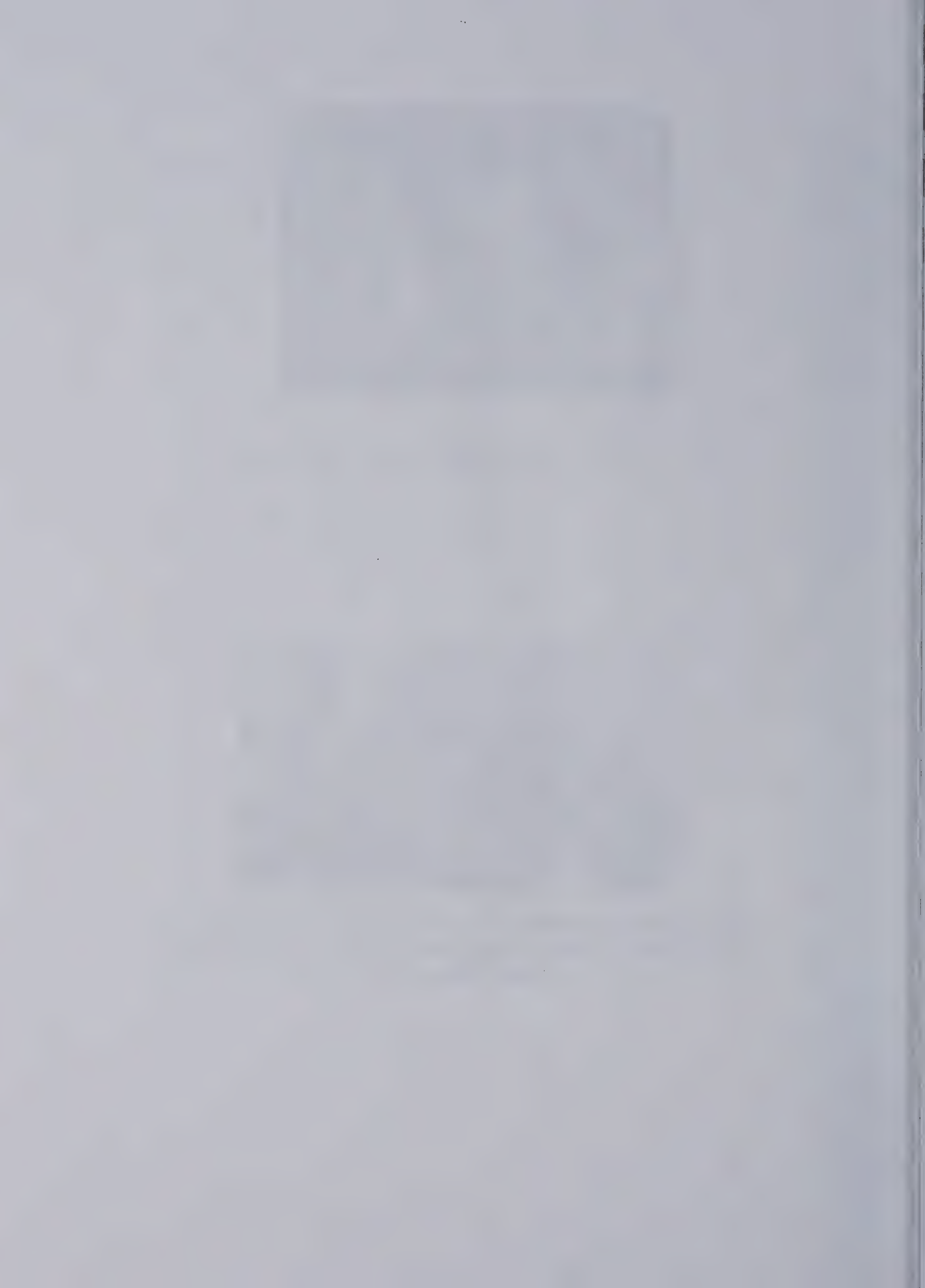


Left to right:

Amanda Adreon, Elmer Adreon, Mary Gerig



Back: (left to right) Harry Gerig, Mabel Gerig, Amanda Gerig
 Front: (left to right) Lizzie Becker, Lizzie Gerig, Mary Gerig
 Child: Wilmer Becker





Three Generations
 Left to right: Mary Amanda Adreon
 Amanda (Gerig) Adreon,
 Mary Gerig





Mary and Amanda Gerig



THE ADREONS
Elmer, Mary, Amanda, Ron



Left to right: Henry Becker, Mary Gerig, Lizzie Becker



Mary Gerig

35 - 4 = 48

Dear Donald.

I give Thanks unto The Lord for ~~he~~
he is good his mercy endureth for ever
will answer your kind letter This
morning didnt mean to wait this long
it looks rainy we had such rain so
the water was standing it is hard
the farmers again you are ahead of
us the way Rocky said he was in
there a week ago last Sunday he
will stay here for another 3 years
health turns with you are loosing hair
too wonder who you will get are
you thru cleaning house we are not
we have not got most of the garden
Mary had a Birthday Sunday 19
Aunt Mennie has one today There
are a lot in way of the Gerig Jam
April 22 the Gerig women went
Alvins and cleaned the whole house
in one day washed off 3 rooms 4
rather it done Mildred good st

with love with again Aunt Mary
got my letter in the box. must have
held him as it will do that after
is some stranger gained 3 lbs. The
dent want her to work yet but
children keep her busy Elvin had
very bad cold last week Uncle Jack
was to Church for the first time
23 of April and here for dinner
Uncles Joes and Uncle Henrys wish
folks could come too. oh yes I must tell
you who they were it was Mary El
Aunt Lizzie Manda I Ida Aunt M
J B and Gaylard Ted Mildred and
the children came out for dinner
all took a dish for our dinner
we had a nice meal last Wed
stayed with the Boys while Ida
to Wayne with Necks Harry worked
the field the berries are all like us
and the Christians too. hope you are
all well there are some measles among
the Church people School will be
next week when will yours be out
little Rennie is so tired he wants

Mary Series

Foster Park

IN MEMORY OF
Amanda L. Adreon

DATE OF BIRTH
June 24, 1903

DATE OF DEATH
September 18, 1980

PLACE AND TIME OF SERVICE
Evangelical Mennonite Church
Woodburn, Indiana
Monday - September 22, 1980
1:00 P. M.

MINISTER OFFICIATING
Rev. Earl Cecil

PLACE OF INTERMENT
Greenlawn Memorial Park



50th Wedding Anniversary

In Memory of
Elmer A. Adreon

Born

June 15, 1893

Died

April 4, 1984

Age

90 yrs. 9 mo. 19 days

Funeral Services

1:30 p.m.

Friday

Woodburn Evangelical

Mennonite Church

Minister Officiating

Rev. Earl I. Cecil

Final Resting Place

Greenlawn Memorial

Park Cemetery

Funeral Conducted By

Harper & Son Funeral Home

New Haven, Indiana

John H. and Lizzie
(Gerig)
Gerig

THE FAMILY OF JOHN H. AND ELIZABETH (GERIG) GERIG

JOHN H. GERIG		b. May 11, 1878	d. Dec 9, 1918
	m: Mar 15, 1903		
Elizabeth Gerig		b. Oct 17, 1882	d. Dec 25, 1946
1.	Harry Joseph Gerig	b. Jul 13, 1910	
	m: Mar 27, 1932		
	Ida Kathryn Ehresman	b. Oct 28, 1908	
2.	Mabel Fanny Gerig	b. Oct 1, 1912	d. Jul 15, 1936
	m: Mar 26, 1932		
	Earl Myron Brown	b. Jun 1, 1912	
HARRY JOSEPH GERIG		b. Jul 13, 1910	
	m: Mar 27, 1932		
Ida Kathryn Ehresman		b. Oct 28, 1908	
A.	Harold Wayne Gerig	b. Feb 21, 1935	
	m: Feb 9, 1954		
	Gloria Ellen Basting	b. Mar 15, 1937	
1.	Debbra Kay Gerig	b. Mar 29, 1955	
	m: Jun 2, 1973		
	Victor Cedric Potts	b. Jul 3, 1954	
a.	Angela Kay Potts	b. Feb 2, 1974	
	m: Jun 8, 1996		
	Lester Monroe Kienel	b. Dec 25, 1967	
	(1) Aleshia Michelle Kienel	b. Dec 21, 1990	
b.	Alisha Marie Potts	b. Oct 26, 1976	
	m: May 27, 1995		
	Jeremy Ian Shramek	b. Mar 27, 1976	
	(1) Kayla Marie Victoria Shramek	b. Jul 8, 1994	
	(2) Katelin Rose Shramek	b. Oct 21, 1995	
	(3) Lydia Kathryn	b. Feb 16, 1999	
c.	Amanda Joy Potts	b. Jan 1, 1982	
2.	Jennifer Kay Gerig	b. Sep 30, 1957	
	m: Feb 1, 1975		
	Gordon Lynn Colson	b. Feb 4, 1950	
a.	Corrie Ellen Colson	b. Jan 29, 1976	
b.	Renee Grace Colson	b. Oct 16, 1978	
c.	Seth Gerig Colson	b. Jun 20, 1980	
d.	Alexander Paul Colson	b. Aug 24, 1990	d. Aug 24, 1990
3.	Harold George Gerig II	b. Jul 17, 1961	
	m: Nov 23, 1982		
	Monna Jean Gessner	b. Dec 29, 1962	

a. Emily Jean Gerig	b. Sep 21, 1989
b. Harold Andrew Gerig III	b. Jun 19, 1991
4. Joseph Wayne Gerig	b. May 29, 1967
5. Gloria Nellie Rosa Gerig	b. Dec 19, 1970
m: Jan 29, 1994	
Christopher Andrew Birkenbeul	b. Mar 7, 1972
a. Jackson Robert Birkenbeul	b. Sep 7, 1995
b. Alexis Grace Birkenbeul	b. Jul 12, 1998
6. David Jon Gerig	b. Sep 8, 1973
m: Feb 25, 1995	
Stephanie Marie Leu	b. Aug 22, 1974
a. Tyler Jon Gerig	b. Jul 4, 1995
b. Brooke Ann Gerig	b. Jun 2, 1997
B. Ivan Richard Gerig	b. Sep 24, 1940
m: Feb 20, 1960	
Sharon Jean Remenschneider	b. Dec 20, 1940
1. Todd Alan Gerig	b. Mar 13, 1961
m: May 19, 1984	
Faith Renae Gardner	b. Apr 13, 1963
a. Brittany Lynn Gerig	b. Jun 15, 1987
b. Alexis Renae Gerig	b. Sep 7, 1988
c. Dylan Todd Gerig	b. Apr 17, 1994
d. Anthony Richard Gerig	b. Aug 10, 1995
2. Teri Lynn Gerig	b. Aug 15, 1964
m: Oct 17, 1987	
Craig Alan Fox	b. May 12, 1966
a. Benjamin Jeffrey Fox	b. Oct 11, 1993
b. Bryce Mitchell Fox	b. Jun 29, 1998
3. Timothy Jon Gerig	b. Jan 30, 1969
m: Jul 22, 1989	
Susan Elizabeth Olwine	b. Oct 8, 1963
a. Kristen Elizabeth Gerig	b. Sep 22, 1992
b. Morgan Nicolle Gerig	b. Jul 5, 1995
c. Joshua Timothy Gerig	b. Aug 20, 1998
C. Jerry Dean Gerig	b. May 12, 1942
m: Aug 5, 1967	
Christine Carpenter	b. Apr 5, 1945

1. Kathryn Leslie Gerig m: May 7, 1996 Jerry Edward Dobbs	b. Aug 24, 1972 b. Jan 9, 1969	
2. Michelle Eileen Gerig	b. Sep 29, 1975	
D. Donald Alvin Gerig m: Mar 16, 1963 Trudy Kay Gerig	b. Jul 21, 1944 b. Jan 31, 1945	d. Sep 27, 1968
a. Joni Renee Gerig m: Jul 31, 1982 Michael Wayne Jansing	b. Apr 17, 1964 b. Nov 19, 1961	d. Feb 5, 1988
(1) Justin Michael Jansing	b. Dec 21, 1982	
(2) Courtney Renee Jansing	b. Aug 5, 1984	
Joni Renee Jansing m: Jul 15, 1989 Richard Louis Kline	b. Sep 25, 1965	
(1) Noelle Elizabeth Kline	b. Dec 15, 1990	
(2) Kasey Morgan Kline	b. Jun 6, 1996	
b. Amy Beth Gerig m: Jun 25, 1989 Mark Shinzo Kittaka	b. Feb 4, 1967 b. Oct 22, 1967	
(1) Zachary Tyler Kittaka	b. Feb 22, 1994	
(2) Abbey Kay Kittaka	b. Jun 4, 1996	
Donald Alvin Gerig m: 1977 Shirley Blake	b.	
a. Steven Ryan Gerig	b. Apr 8, 1979	
Donald Alvin Gerig m: Nov 4, 1985 Patricia Paulette Vinson	b. Apr 10, 1946	
E. Dennis Melvin Gerig m: Aug 14, 1971 Patricia Lee Harris	b. Jul 21, 1944 b. Nov 12, 1949	
1. Lori Marie Gerig	b. Aug 18, 1977	
MABEL FANNY GERIG m: Mar 26, 1932 Earl Myron Brown	b. Oct 1, 1912 b. Jun 1, 1911	d. Jul 15, 1936
A. Clarence Earl Brown m: Oct 29, 1952 Evelyn Elizabeth Blanchard	b. Jan 30, 1933 b. Aug 5, 1932	
1. Dennis Claire Brown m: Oct 26, 1975	b. Oct 8, 1953	

Marsha Marie Sargent	b.
a. Scott Andrew Brown	b. Jan 22, 1976
b. Timothy Patrick Brown	b. Oct 5, 1980
2. Sherwood Patrick Brown	b. Mar 17, 1958
m: Aug 29, 1987	
Luanne Petome	b. Jun 22, 1965
3. Debra Lynn Brown	b. Jul 1, 1962
m: Jun 2, 1984	
David John Grofuert	b. Sep 22, 1961
a. Jennifer Lynn Grofuert	b. Jun 4, 1992
b. John Paul Grofuert	b. Jan 30, 1995
B. Ruth Marie Brown	b. May 6, 1934
m: Oct 31, 1953	
Marvin Wesley Rice	b. Jun 22, 1930
1. Sandra Lee Rice	b. Nov 26, 1954
m: Feb 14, 1986	
David Allen Adkins	b. Nov 22, 1958
a. Christine Lynnette Adkins	b. Nov 11, 1988
b. Paul Christopher Adkins	b. Jun 24, 1993
C. David Lee Brown	b. Dec 9, 1935
m: Jun 29, 1957	
Bettie Marie Nash	b. Jun 26, 1939
1. Cheryl Marie Brown	b. Dec 9, 1958
a. Dylan John Brown	b. Jan 22, 1994
2. Diane Lynn Brown	b. Sep 6, 1961
m: May 10, 1981	
Rodney Leroy Snyder	b. Nov 30, 1957
a. Tiffany Lynn Snyder	b. Sep 7, 1984
b. Nicholas Lyle Snyder	b. Jul 13, 1987
Diane Lynn Snyder	
m: Jun 18, 1994	
Dean Jay Heemseth	b. Dec 30, 1961
a. Lindsay Marie Heemseth	b. Nov 21, 1994
3. Paul David Brown	b. May 8, 1963
m:	
Victoria Rocha	b.
a. Jeremy Lee Brown	b. Dec 31, 1984
b. Kimberly Sue Brown	b. Aug 23, 1986

c. Justin James Brown	b. Feb 2, 1988	
d. Brandon Lee Brown	b. Dec 23, 1997	
4. Sue Ann Brown	b. Dec 21, 1964	
m: Mar 26, 1991		
Adrean James Coopsen	b. Nov 30, 1960	
a. Courtney Sue Coopsen	b. Dec 29, 1992	
b. Amber Christen Coopsen	b. Jan 21, 1994	d. Jan 21, 1994
c. Valarie Marie Coopsen	b. Jan 27, 1995	
d. Hannah Christine Coopsen	b. Jun 10, 1997	
Earl Myron Brown		
m: Nov 9, 1937		
Hazel Irene Mann	b. Sep 12, 1900	d. Sep 22, 1984
Earl Myron Brown		
m: Jan 6, 1986		
Melba Olive George	b. May 30, 1911	d. Oct 9, 1989

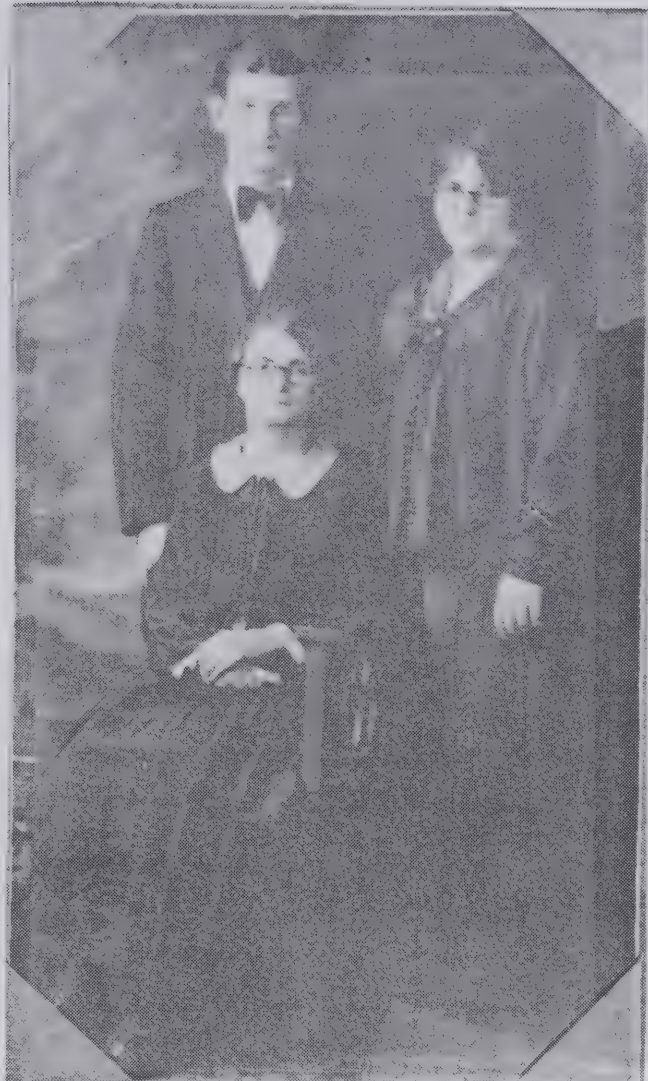


John H. Gerig





John and Lizzie Gerig

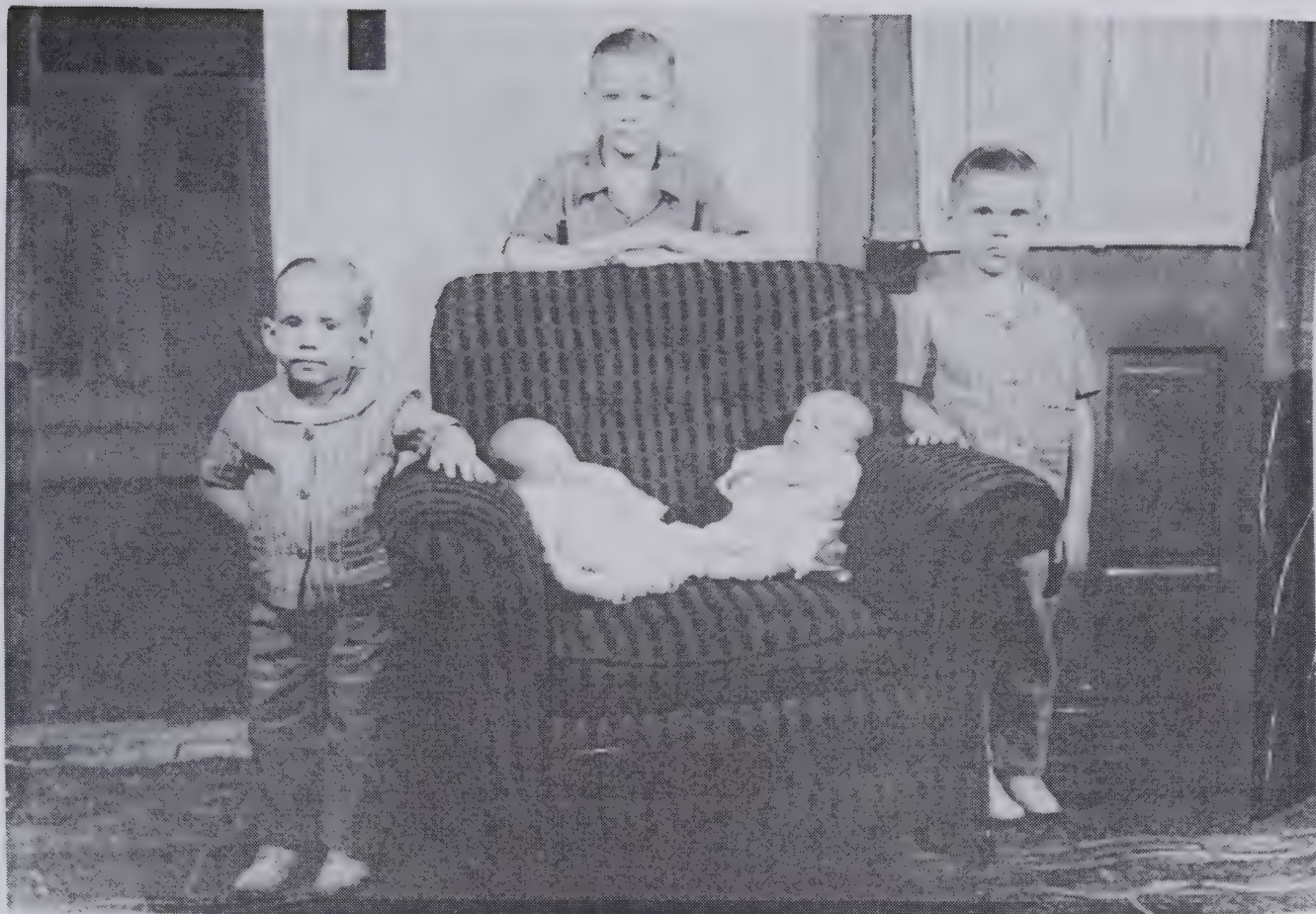


Lizzie, Harry and Mabel Gerig



Left to right: Lizzie, Harry, Mabel, John





THE SONS OF HARRY AND IDA GERIG
 Left to right: Jerry, Donald, Harold, Dennis, Ivan



THE J.H. GERIG FAMILY

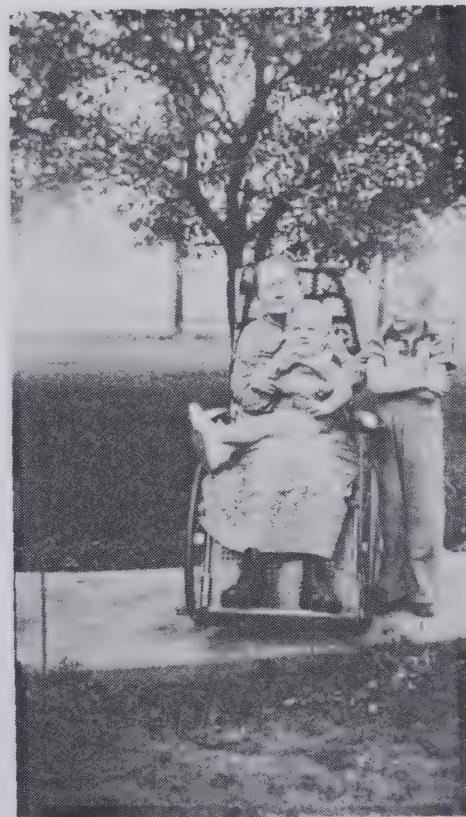
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The family of Harry and Ida Gerig
Left to right: Ida, Ivan, Don, Harold, Denny, Jerry, Harry



The Family of Earl and Mabel Brown
Left to right: Clarence, Mabel, Ruth, David, Earl



Lizzie Gerig with Harold and Ivan 1941





Elizabeth Gerig and Grandchildren
 Left to right: David Brown, Harold Gerig, Lizzie Gerig, Clarence Brown, Ruth Brown



Lizzie Gerig



On left: Kate and Christ Schlatter
On Right: Lizzie, John, and Harry Gerig



Harold Gerig and Lizzie Gerig



Ida and Harry Gerig



Left to right: Harry, Ida, Sylvia, Mil, Les

DECEMBER 27, 1918.

Death of John H. Gerig

This community learned with surprise of the sudden death of Mr. Gerig at his home. He with his family lived near this village for several years, when they moved last autumn to their late home.

John H. Gerig was born May 11, 1878 in Waldo township just south of this village, and died at Edgerton, Ind. Dec. 9, 1918. When 7 years old he with his parents moved to Pike town. March 15, 1903 he was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie Gerig of Woodburn, Ind. To this union was born to children—Harry Joseph, and Mable Fanny, who with his wife survive him. Besides, he leaves his mother, 5 brothers, 5 sisters and other relatives and friends. His father and two sisters preceded him in death. For many years he was a member of the Defenseless Mennonite church which faith he lived faithfully to the end.

Funeral services were conducted at the residence, and at Woodburn church Revs. Ben Oyer and Andrew Yaggy officiating. Interment at Woodburn. Pallbearers were three brothers Joseph M., Peter and Chris Gerig; and three brothers in law, J. K., John and Dan Gerig.

Among others attending from out of town were Mrs Fannie Gerig, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Zimmerman, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gerig, Christ Gerig, Mary Gerig and Peter S. Oyer of Flanagan; and Mr. and Christ Becker of Cheona.

Lizzie Gerig, daughter of Joseph and Katherine Gerig, was born October 17, 1881 near Grabill, Indiana, and died at the home of her son near Woodburn, Indiana on December 25, 1946, at the age of 65 years, two months and eight days.

On March 15, 1903 she was united in marriage to John H. Gerig of Cheona, Illinois. To this union two children were born. One son, Harry, of Woodburn, and one daughter, Mabel, who preceded her in death on July 13, 1936. Her husband also preceded her in death on December 9, 1918.

Besides her son, she is also survived by eight grandchildren, two brothers, John Gerig of Woodburn, and Dan Gerig of Grabill, and two sisters, Mrs. Katie Schlatter of Harlan and Mrs. Mary Fielitz of Grabill. At an early age she accepted Christ as her personal Saviour and united with the Defenseless Mennonite Church, of which she remained a faithful member until death. For over thirty years she suffered from arthritis, and for about twelve years she was an invalid. During these many years she bore her cross of suffering patiently and cheerfully. With great victory in her soul and with praise upon her lips continually, she proved a great blessing and inspiration to all who came in contact with her. Her

presence will be greatly missed, especially by her immediate family, to whom she brought so much cheer, as well as to a great host of friends to whom she had greatly endeared herself.

Funeral services were conducted on Friday, Dec. 27, in the afternoon first at the house then at the Woodburn Mennonite Church by Rev. E. Rocke, the pastor. Funeral text was from the latter part of Num. 23:10. "Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his!" Interment was beside her husband in the cemetery a few miles northwest of Woodburn, Indiana.

WOODBURN COUPLE TO CELEBRATE 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



A union that started back in the 1930's has stood the test of time up to the present day and now that couple is celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary with a family dinner.

It all started around 1930, give or take a year, when Harry J. Gerig noticed a beautiful girl by the name of Ida, attending the Woodburn Mennonite Church. This first meeting soon blossomed into a full-bloom love affair and it wasn't long until he asked her to be his bride and she said, "yes!". The date they chose for their wedding was Easter Sunday, March 27, 1932. They are still members and attend the same church.

To commemorate this special day, the family will hold a family dinner in the Woodburn Community Center at noon on Sunday, March 29.

Strange as it may seem, both Harry's and Ida's families moved to Indiana from Illinois. Harry moved to the Woodburn area in 1918 and Ida went the long route from Illinois in 1916 to Missouri, then Ohio and finally ending up at Woodburn.

Jerry of Kennesaw, GA, Donald of Greenwood and Dennis of Fort Wayne. They also have 15 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

The Gerigs were farmers and purchased a 160-acre farm near Woodburn which he farmed for quite a few years and then he also started driving a bus for the Woodburn school. He then gave up his bus driving position for that of janitor at the Woodlan High School and Ida also worked there in the cafeteria.

Born to this union were five sons: Harold of Woodburn, Ivan of New Haven,

Mrs. Mable Fannie Gerig-Brown, daughter of John H. and Lizzie Gerig, was born in Livingston County, Ill., October 1, 1912, and died in the Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, Ind., July 15, 1936, at the age of 23 years, 9 months and 15 days. In a revival meeting conducted by Rev. B. E. Rediger from April 21 to May 10, 1925, Mable was converted and accepted Jesus as her Saviour, and was baptized May 23rd, 1925, in the Mennonite Church in Woodburn, Ind.

Mable was united in marriage to Earl M. Brown, March 26th, 1932, and to this union three children were born. Her father, John H. Gerig preceded her in death in 1918, when she was only six years old.

Those left to mourn her early death, are her husband, Earl M. Brown; three children, Clarence, Ruth and David, besides her mother Lizzie Gerig and one brother Harry J. Gerig, at Woodburn, Ind., also many relatives and friends.

She was a faithful wife and a devoted mother, and since converted in her early life, she loved her Bible to the end.

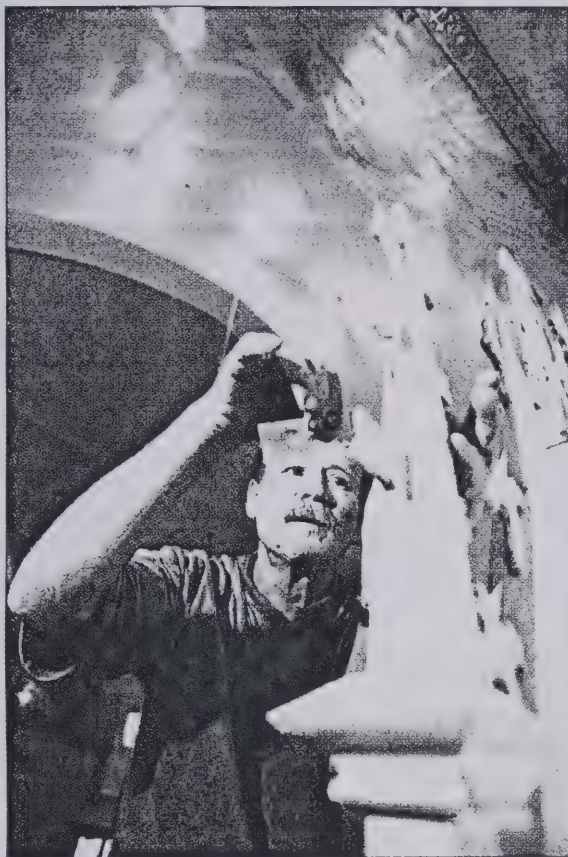
The family wishes to thank the friends and neighbors for their sympathy and floral offerings.

Funeral services were in charge of Rev. Harold Fraker, assisted by Rev. Clarence Gerig. Interment at the Mennonite Cemetery.



THE SHADY LANE HOME
Three Gerig Families Lived Here
Joseph M. , John H. and Chris

REVELATION



Zion Lutheran Church in Woodburn is restoring a mural and other treasures that have been hidden under paint for decades.

By Kevin Kilbane
of The News-Sentinel

Harold Gerig stood high on a ladder working alone late one night, when the image began to emerge.

Older members at Zion Lutheran Church on Bull Rapids Road had told him that angels once gazed down on the sanctuary from the domed ceiling over the altar. While painting the wall nearby, Gerig detected the outline of an artist's canvas smothered under the old olive-green paint.

Gerig, who is a painting contractor, artist and Missionary Church minister, carefully began brushing thin coats of paint stripper on the canvas area, wiping off the stripper immediately to keep it from damaging any image underneath. Each application softened the green paint. Then, using sculpting tools, Gerig painstakingly scraped away the last of the green paint, revealing the faint image of a small cherub.

After a week's worth of standing on ladders and scaffolding, Gerig had uncovered another cherub and two head-and-shoulder depictions of angels. Higher on the wall, he discovered a painted banner written in German, the church

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Harold Gerig applies gold leaf as he restores Zion Lutheran's altar. The original gold leaf had been painted over, possibly in the 1950s.

Soaring spirits

What: Zion Lutheran Church will celebrate the rededication of its 96-year-old church with a service and an open house. The congregation expects an overflow crowd for the service.

When: Service 10 a.m. Sunday; open house 1-4 p.m.

Where: 7616 Bull Rapids Road, north of U.S. 24 East, about one mile east of Maumee Center Road.



Artist Harold Gerig's oil paints infused life and dimension into a wood carving of the Last Supper in the altar at Zion Lutheran Church on Bull Rapids Road.



Photos by C. Somdevilla of The News-Sentinel

Harold Gerig's discovery of angels and a banner over the altar at Zion Lutheran Church near Woodburn has helped spark a physical and spiritual renewal at the 96-year-old church.

ZION: A revelation has occurred there

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founders' native tongue. He also found the outlines of two larger angels that may date back to the turn of the century.

The discoveries sent spirits soaring at Zion Lutheran, whose red-brick facade, white trim and 90-foot steeple have stood since 1902 like a beacon overlooking the Maumee River north of Woodburn.

"We have been waiting for this," Zion's pastor, the Rev. David Triplett, says.

Like many rural congregations, the 300-member church has struggled in recent years to preserve its vitality.

Work, children's activities and other tasks compete for people's time and interest. Congregation members direct much of their time and 60 percent of the church's \$200,000 annual budget toward operation of Woodburn Lutheran School, which Zion co-sponsors financially with Christ Lutheran Church in Woodburn. Church maintenance usually had to wait.

"We felt bad about the way the church looked," Triplett recalls. "That created tension."

It took an 8-foot section of plaster ceiling crashing down in August to nudge members into action.

The congregation originally planned only to repaint and repair the sanctuary. They hired Gerig and his son, David, to do the painting. But once he started, Harold Gerig saw the potential for more.

"I had seen closed churches that looked more alive," says Gerig, 62, who has painted signs, billboards and buildings since graduating from the Fort Wayne School of Art as a young man.

But it was the discovery of the angels that really energized the congregation.

Gerig, who also dabbles in fine art and sculpture, quickly determined that the two large angels – probably the original art over the altar – could not be restored. But he used his fine-arts skills to match colors and resurrect the cherubs and half-bodied angels.

He restored the banner, whose German letters again triumphantly proclaim, "Blessed Are They Who Hear the Word of God and Keep It." He also touched up a triangle and rays of light that represent the Christian trinity – God the father, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit – and he added a backdrop of clouds.

Zion leaders initially suspected their forebears painted over the banner and angels in the 1940s out of fear that they would be labeled Nazi sympathizers, says Melody Schlie, who has been coordinating the restoration work. The congregation conducted services in German into the early 1950s.

But members recently found a photograph from a 1957 wedding that shows the angels and banner on the ceiling. A photograph taken a year later shows the artwork had been painted over in green.

"What I have been hearing is it was the style (then) to paint everything, and they painted everything," Triplett says.

Gerig also suggested restoring the altar. Originally trimmed in gold leaf, it had been covered completely at some point with a textured white paint.

Gerig stripped off the old paint, repainted it a satiny white and highlighted its decorative trim again with shimmering gold leaf. He also revived a 50-year-old wood carving of the Last Supper mounted in the altar's base.

Gerig used oil colors to give Jesus and the disciples bright red, green, blue and gray robes. He even corrected an error: The original artist gave the apostle John blond hair. Gerig says Jewish people at that time had dark or red hair.

"It has been one of the most fun projects we have done," he says. "It has been one of the most rewarding projects. ... It is going to spill into their lives spiritually."

Seeing the change unfold rallied Zion members to roll up their sleeves and help. Veterinarian David Nahrwold, for example, originally planned to strip paint off just the church's doorways. But once he

uncovered the original yellow pine, he kept going.

By the time the congregation holds its rededication service Sunday, Nahrwold and 15 other church members will have invested more than 500 hours in stripping and refinishing the woodwork surrounding the church's doors, choir loft and ornate stained-glass windows.

"I tried to involve as many people as possible so they can have ownership," Nahrwold says. "It is really pulling the church together."

Project coordinator Schlie says the work has refocused Zion members' priorities.

"We had a lot of people say, 'Let's do this project or that project,'" Schlie says. "I think we needed that center again. We needed to get back to our roots."

"This is our witness to the world," she adds, "that God is most important."

**Chris and Mary Ann
(Litwiler)
Gerig**

THE FAMILY OF CHRIS AND MARY ANN (LITWILLER) GERIG

CHRIS GERIG		b. Jan 17, 1880	d. Feb 20, 1962
m: Sep 20, 1906			
Mary Ann Litwiller		b. Nov 29, 1889	d. Jan 8, 1948
1.	Viola Mae Gerig	b. Sep 7, 1907	d. Jun 22, 1993
	m: Sep 15, 1927		
	Elden Wayne Roth	b. Dec 2, 1901	d. Mar 2, 1988
2.	Lullian Bernice Gerig	b. Apr 22, 1912	
	m: Sep 5, 1928		
	Ezra Stucky	b. May 29, 1902	d. Feb 3, 1995
VIOLA MAE GERIG		b. Sep 7, 1907	d. Feb 3, 1995
m: Sep 15, 1927			
Elden Wayne Roth		b. Dec 2, 1901	d. Mar 2, 1988
A.	Donald Wayne Roth	b. Sep 28, 1935	
	m: Oct 28, 1961		
	Maureen Kay Rupp	b. Jun 25, 1938	
B.	Marilyn Mae Roth	b. Feb 4, 1937	
	m: Mar 25, 1956		
	Richard Lee Oyer	b. Jan 3, 1930	
1.	Brenda Lee Oyer	b. Feb 20, 1957	
	m: Aug 20, 1995		
	Mark Lee Birkey	b. Jun 20, 1988	
2.	Linda Mae Oyer	b. Jun 18, 1958	
	m: Apr 22, 1989		
	John Chong Hoon Chae	b. Sep 30, 1961	
	a. Justin John Chae	b. Mar 13, 1992	
	b. Ryan Christopher Chae	b. Jan 30, 1994	
3.	Janet Sue Oyer	b. Jul 4, 1959	
	m: Oct 11, 1986		
	Curtis Michael Cartolano	b. Jan 20, 1959	
	a. Melinda Sue Cartolano	b. Mar 5, 1991	
	b. David Michael Cartolano	b. Sep 27, 1994	
4.	Cindy Jo Oyer	b. Apr 8, 1961	
	m: Jun 20, 1987		
	Michael Andrew Heiniger	b. Jun 22, 1965	
	a. Andrew Michael Heiniger	b. May 27, 1990	
	b. Kara Nicole Heiniger	b. May 19, 1992	
	c. Megan Jo Heiniger	b. Jul 11, 1994	
C.	Margery Lou Roth	b. Feb 20, 1939	
	m: Aug 27, 1960		
	Roger Kay Frey	b. Nov 12, 1934	

1. Cary David Frey m: Jul 30, 1988 Kimberly Ann Hartke	b. Oct 18, 1961 b. Jul 31, 1962	
a. Tanner David Frey	b. Oct 1, 1991	
2. Kyle Dean Frey	b. Apr 12, 1963	d. Sep 14, 1995
3. Craig Dallas Frey m: Sep 5, 1998 Kendrea Jean Schroeder	b. Nov 1, 1974 b. Jun 7, 1970	
D. Elden David Roth m: Sep 20, 1969 Judith Evelyn Johnson	b. Mar 7, 1940 b. Jan 26, 1945	
1. Ryan David Roth	b. Nov 27, 1975	
2. Trenton Donn Roth	b. Aug 12, 1977	
E. Cheryl Ann Roth m: Jul 8, 1967 Earl Ivan Cecil	b. May 23, 1944 b. Mar 31, 1946	
1. Angela Beth Cecil m: Aug 21, 1992 Andrew James Isbell	b. Jun 2, 1970 b. May 26, 1969	
a. Alexander James Isbell	b. Jan 8, 1996	
b. Adria Beth Isbell	b. Aug 17, 1997	
2. Aric Nathan Cecil m: May 31, 1997 Tiffany Diane Mylott	b. Aug 2, 1972 b. Nov 17, 1976	
3. Andrew Jon Cecil	b. May 16, 1978	
4. April Joy Cecil	b. Apr 23, 1980	
LILLIAN BERNICE GERIG m: Sep 5, 1928 Ezra Stucky	b. Apr 22, 1912 b. May 29, 1902	d. Feb 3, 1995
A. Jean Kathryn Stucky m: Nov 6, 1955 Leon Wayne Folkers	b. Aug 4, 1935 b. Jan 30, 1929	d. May 5, 1993
1. Jerry Ivan Velichkoff m: Aug 21, 1971 Sandra Lee Keith	b. Aug 10, 1950 b. Oct 28, 1950	
a. Jeremy Shawn Velichkoff m: Jun 10, 1996 Delinda Jane Calderini	b. May 4, 1974 b. Jun 26, 1974	
b. Kimberly Joy Velichkoff	b. Mar 27, 1978	
B. Richard Lee Stucky m: Jun 17, 1962	b. May 17, 1940	

Betty Jane Witzig	b. Sep 18, 1941
1. Teresa Lynn Stucky	b. Jun 19, 1963
2. Julie Ann Stucky	b. Oct 2, 1965
m: Feb 23, 1990	
Jeffrey John Babecki	b. Sep 10, 1962
a. Allyssa Elaine Babecki	b. May 29, 1990
b. Amber Marie Babecki	b. Jul 29, 1995
3. Richard Ramond Stucky	b. Dec 5, 1969
4. Patricia Jane Stucky	b. Mar 13, 1972
C. Roger Carl Stucky	b. Mar 28, 1943
m: Dec 26, 1965	
Bonita Mae Koerner	b. Feb 7, 1945
1. Christopher David Stucky	b. Jun 21, 1969
m: Jun 3, 1995	
Carolyn Louise Robinson	b. Jul 26, 1961
2. Heather Rebecca Stucky	b. Feb 17, 1975

THIS CERTIFIES
THAT

Chris Gerig
of Pike Twp.
State of Illinois



Miss Mary Ann Litwille
of Meadows,
State of Illinois.

WERE UNITED IN

Holy Matrimony



ORDINANCE OF GOD

According to the
State of

on the 20. day
in the year of **OUR**
Nine Hundred

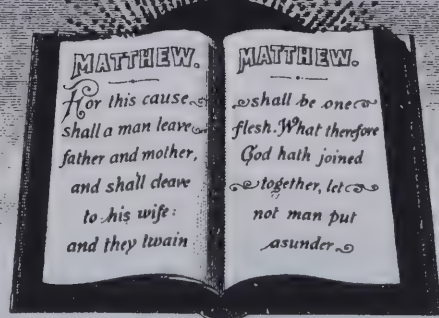
Witnesses
J M Gerig
Peter Gerig

At Waldo

and the Laws of the
Illinois.

of September
LORD One Thousand
and Six.

B Ryle
Elder L. M. Church



MARRIAGE LICENSE.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS
LIVINGSTON

(To any Person legally authorized to solemnize Marriage)

GREETING.

MARRIAGE MAY BE CELEBRATED

Between Mr. Chris Gerig of Pike
in the County of Livingston and State of Illinois
of the age of twenty-six years and
Miss Mary Ann Litwiler of Meadows
in the County of Livingston and State of Illinois
of the age of sixteen years, the father of the said
Miss Mary Ann Litwiler having given his assent to said Marriage.

(Witness) Fred Duckett County Clerk.
and the seal of said County at his Office in Portia in said County
this 17th day of Sept A.D. 1906

Clay D Parker Deputee Fred Duckett County Clerk.

State of Illinois } ss
LIVINGSTON COUNTY

I Christian R Egle
a Elder of the Seventh Day Adventists hereby
certify that Mr. Chris Gerig of Pike, Ill. and
Miss Mary Ann Litwiler of Meadows, Ill. were united in Marriage by me at
Salent Church, Waldo, in the County of Livingston
and State of Illinois on the twenty-seventh day of September A.D. 1906

C R Egle
Elder L M Church

It is the duty of the person obtaining the foregoing to file and sign the above Certificate and to return the same together with the License to the County Clerk within thirty days after the Marriage is solemnized. ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS PENALTY FOR FAILING SO TO DO.

No. 1307

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

MINOR.

Mr. Chris Gerig
with

Mrs. Mary Ann Litwiler

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Clerk.

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Fred Duckett

County Clerk

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ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF HEALTH.

Return of a Marriage to County Clerk.

1. Full Name of GROOM Chris Gerig
2. Place of Residence Pike
3. Occupation Farmer
4. Age next Birthday 27 years. Color White Race
5. Place of Birth Waldo, Ill.
6. Father's Name Joseph Gerig
7. Mother's Maiden Name Fanny Roth
8. Number of Groom's Marriage First
9. Full Name of BRIDE Mary Ann Litwiler
Maiden Name, if a Widow
10. Place of Residence Heardon, Ill.
11. Age next Birthday 17 years. Color White Race
12. Place of Birth Waldo, Ill.
13. Father's Name David Litwiler
14. Mother's Maiden Name Mary Rediger
15. Number of Bride's Marriage First
16. Married at Waldo in the County of Livingston and State of Illinois, the 20 day of September 1906.
17. Witnesses to Marriage A. M. Gerig
Peter Gerig

N. B.—At Nos. 8 and 15 state whether 1st, 2d, 3d, &c. Marriage of each 17 give names of subscribing witnesses to the Marriage Certificate. If no subscribing witnesses, give names of two persons who witnessed the ceremony.

Waldo, Sept 20 1906

We Hereby Certify that the information above given is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Chris Gerig (Groom.)
Mary Ann Litwiler (Bride.)

I Hereby Certify that the above is a correct return of a Marriage solemnized by me.

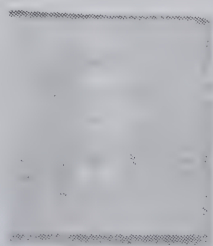
B. H. Hale
Elder D. H. Church
Dated at Waldo this 20 day of September 1906.

This Return is to be carefully filled out and returned with the Marriage License. This return does not take the place of the Certificate which comes attached to the License, but is IN ADDITION THERE TO.



Chris Gerig

Chris Gerig





Chris and Mary Ann Gerig



Chris Gerig



Viola and Mary Ann Gerig



Chris Gerig





Viola and Lillian Gerig



Ezra, Lillian, Viola, Elden



Mary Ann Gerig with Jean Stucky



Mary Ann Gerig with Jean Stucky



Left to right: Marilyn Roth, Mary Ann Gerig holding Richard Stucky, Jean Stucky, Viola Roth holding Margery Roth, Chris Gerig hold David Roth, Don Roth



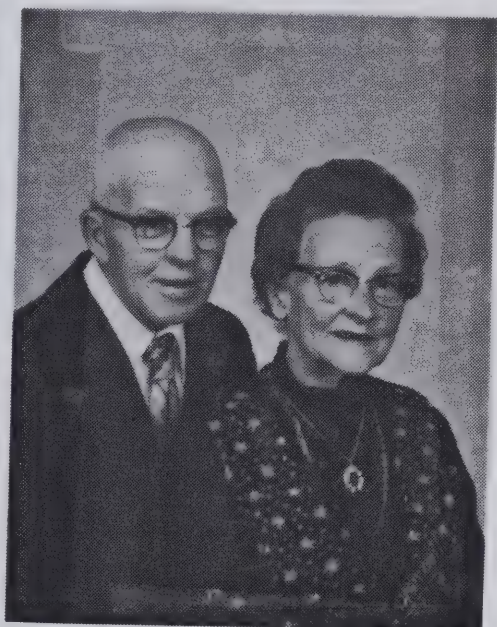
Mary Ann Gerig holding Jean Stucky



FOUR GENERATION PICTURE
Left to right: Viola Roth, Chris Gerig,
Marilyn Oyer, Brenda Oyer



Chris and Mary Ann Gerig



Elden and Viola Roth



Ezra and Lillian Stucky

CONTRIBUTIONS

WHO WILL ENTER?

In Rev. 21, we read about a city, one that is foursquare and that has no need of the sun, nor the moon. A city built of precious things, the walls are of jasper, the streets are pure gold like unto clear glass. We are also told that there is no need of a light there, for Christ, the Lamb of God is the light.

The thing I am interested in is, who shall enter into this holy place. As this is not for man to judge we will let the Bible answer. The Word is truth and can never be wrong, therefore we deem it wise to heed its admonition. It speaks of only two ways. The one is described as being narrow and the other broad. We are traveling one of these by choice. We have power to accept or reject. Happy is that person, who like Joshua can say, "As for me and my house we will serve the Lord." The wisest thing anyone can do is to follow the Lord and walk in the light He sheds upon our pathway. We are also encouraged to trust in Him and bring our needs to the One that is able to help. Jer. 17:7: "Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, whose hope the Lord is." This promise and hope is for everyone. There are those who think that by doing some good deed or by not doing evil they will be saved. Others tell us that by doing the best they can and know how or by joining some church they will be prepared for the coming of the Lord. A certain lady lay dangerously ill. Her neighbor being heavily burdened for her soul, asked her if she was ready to die. "Why certainly, I have been immersed and a member of the church these years." The above mentioned things are good, but they are not salvation. The first need of every lost soul is to accept Christ as their personal Saviour, to be born again, then these other things will follow, because they are commanded in the Word. Some try to tell us that we cannot know if we are saved until we pass out of this life. I thank God for the words found in Rom. 8:16: "His spirit beareth witness with our

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spirit that we are the children of God." Again in Acts 26:18 Paul tells us he was sent to the Gentiles to open their eyes and to turn them from darkness unto light, from the power of Satan unto God. Does this not prove that when a soul is saved they will know? When lightentereth, darkness must flee. In I Peter 2:9 Peter commands that we should show forth the praises of Him, who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. Jesus speaking in John 8:12—"I am the light of the world, he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." Would to God that every Christian would walk in the light as He is in the light.

Once again let us consider what the Word sayeth concerning those who cannot enter the Holy City. Rev. 21:27: "And there shall in no wise enter in anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination or maketh a lie." There are three specific things mentioned in this scripture, things that defile, that which worketh abomination, and liars. There are many things that can defile us. In Mark 7:20-23 Jesus says it is that which proceedeth out of man that defiles him. Out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. Unless our hearts are cleansed of these things they will creep out sooner or later.

He that worketh abomination — Prov. 17:15. He that justifieth the wicked and condemneth the just is an abomination to the Lord. Prov. 11:1. A false balance is an abomination to the Lord. Christians need to watch themselves carefully. They may be honest and desire to be, yet it is so easy at times to take the advantage for self. Recently I heard two men making a deal. The purchaser, while buying, found every kind of fault with the thing he desired, but as soon as it was his, it was worth twice the amount he paid for it, in the same condition. It is so easy to leave a false impression or mix the truth, anything to free us. Jno. 2:21. I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but be-

cause ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth. To be guilty of a lie is wrong, regardless of the occasion. Rev. 21:8. And all liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone. This verse puts lying on an equal basis with every other evil deed. Eph. 4:25. Wherefore putting away lying speak every man the truth with his neighbor.

Again we are in danger of not loving our brethren who may see or act differently than we do. This also should not be. Too many professing Christians are in the habit of watching someone's life, merely to find fault or criticize. Instead of seeking to help and strengthen the weak, they feel themselves superior. Criticism of individuals often leads to criticism of the church. A superiority of feeling toward the church leads to a neglect of the church and its functions, a staying away from the communion table. Why not heed the advice of Paul in I Cor. 11:28. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup. However this is difficult to do if we feel we are righteous and others guilty.

Again referring to Rev. 21:27 and the question who will enter — we find these words, "But they which are written in the Lamb's book of life." Here we have the final answer regardless of what we may think or do or desire to do. Our names are placed there when we are saved and filled with His Spirit. They remain there if we continue to walk in the light.

There is only one way to God. John 10:9, Jesus says "I am the door, by me if any man enter in he shall be saved." Acts 4:12, "Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved."

I am thankful that there is hope for such that feel and know they have failed. The wise thing to do is to come to God and confess.

II Cor. 3:2. Ye are our epistle, written in our hearts, known and read of all men. A careful study of this text reveals the fact that others know and read our lives. What folly to boast of

our good deeds, when God and our fellow men often know our lives better than we do ourselves. Jesus speaking in Matt. 7:20 says "by the fruit ye shall know them."

In closing may I call your attention to the final judgment scene pictured by Christ in Matt. 25:34-46. Here we have two classes of people before the Judge. One, who served God and his fellow man with humility, gladly, sincerely and with an honest heart. Astonished at the blessed words of the Master, they asked "When did we these things?" and the Master answereth, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto the least of these brethren ye did it unto me."

The other class having lived selfishly, feeling superior to their fellow men, immune to their needs and suffering are also astonished at the Master's words as He condemns them to everlasting punishment. Their question is, Master, when saw we thee an hungered, thirsty, stranger, or naked, or in prison? The Master answered, "Verily I saw you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these ye did it not to me."

Brethren, if we are really living for God and Him only then boasting about ourselves has come to an end.

In closing may the blessings of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ rest upon you all and the year 1939 be spiritually successful for you.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Gerig,
Flanagan, Ill.

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It is reported that the Los Angeles Ministerial Association made an investigation to find how many kinds of religion there were in the city. They found, among other things, that there were 120 pagan societies holding regular meetings in and about the city.—Christian Faith and Life.

MY DESIRE

This is my desire and aim
This year I will no one blame,
But I will pray for them instead
That His grace by everyone can be had.
One unkind word I will not speak,
The best for others I will seek.

When I hear some bad report
Then I will take it to the Lord.
I will not spread the report around,
Silence will be far more sound,
And it is far more pleasing too
Than the way the people do.

This is my desire and aim
To ask for help in Jesus' name,
And what I won't be able to do,
The Lord by grace will help me through.

I must search my own heart,
Before on others I start,
In myself this can't be done
It is only through God's Son.
Our humbleness must be real
Before we can live out our zeal.

In the year of nineteen fifty-two
I hope and pray we this can do,
Confess our faults one to another,
By that means we'll have less bother.
Christians, we owe that to the Lord,
For it's written in God's Word.

By Chris Gerig

CG/dwr

Sunday School Hour

And

Morning Worship

February 25, 1962

Sunday School 9:30
Offering - Church Extension

Worship Service 10:30

Piano Prelude
Doxology
Invocation

Hymn Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus 4:60
Announcements

Worship Offering
Special Music

Scripture Reading
Pastoral Prayer
Choral Response

Choir
Message Christian Counsel

Hymn Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life 4:65
Benediction
Postlude

Evening Service 7:00
Departmental Sessions
C W B - The Jet Cadets will present a program

Evening Message - Norman Grusy will present their
Mission work. Norman and Marilyn are in charge of a
work at Shephardsville, Indiana.

Wednesday Evening

7:00

E T T A Bible Class - Joshua and Judges
Choir Practice

Thursday March 1 - The Senior Ladies Aid meets all day.

February 26, 27, The Annual Christian Workers Convention
will be held at the Evangelical Mennonite Church at
Woodburn, Indiana.

A Word of Thanks for the prayers, cards and kind rem-
embrances while in the hospital and since returning
home. - Opal Gerig

Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Nelson send greetings to the
church via Ezra Gerig who was in their meetings at
Wauseon Ohio.

NO GOOD IN MAN

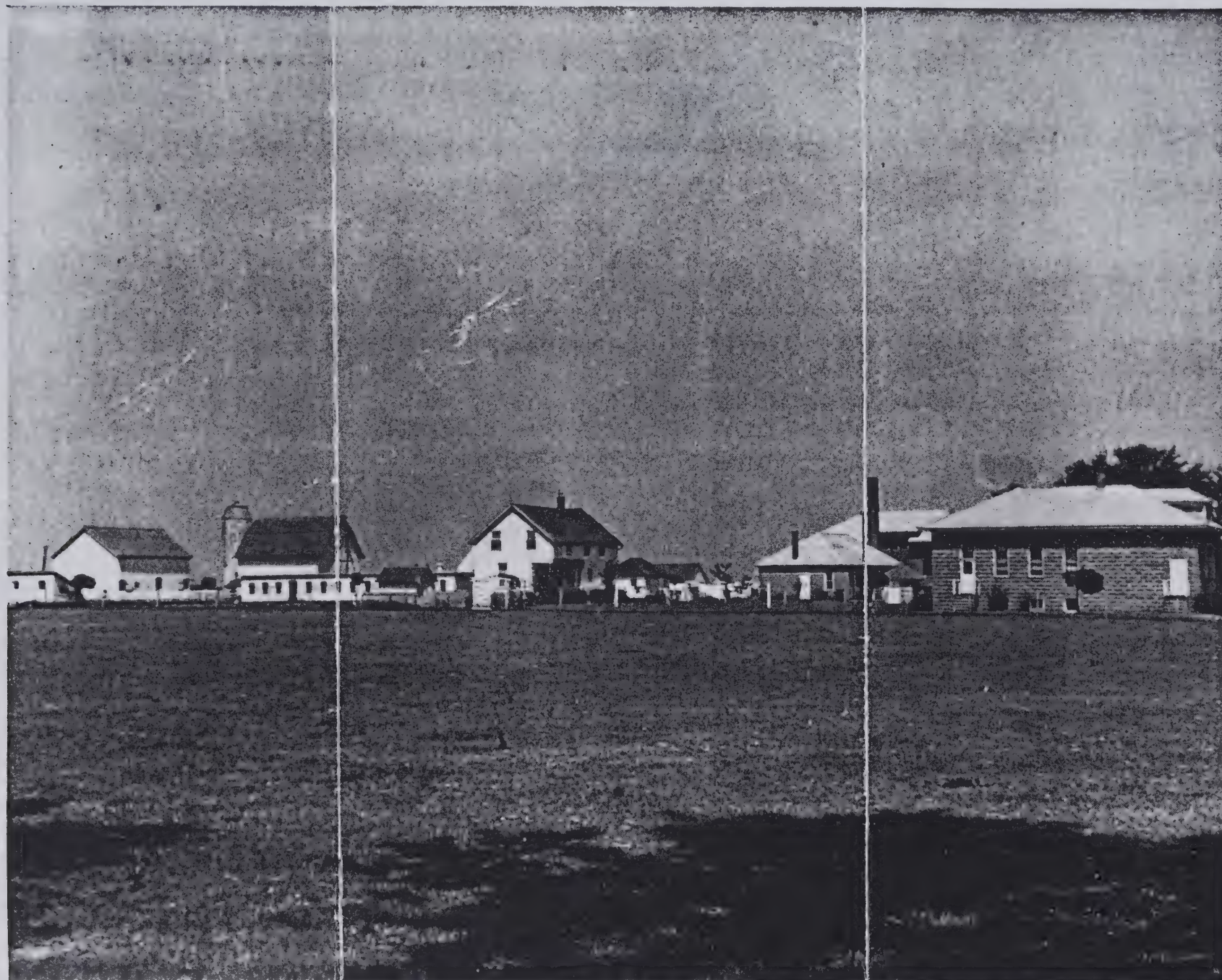
I find that in self there is nothing good,
And that it is hard to do what I should
And to live a Godly life, is hard to do.
Knowing I am helpless all the way through,
But when I think what all God has done in
Giving us the Best; His own dear Son,
Who never was guilty and never did sin,
For He is the one we all should trust in.

No greater love than His has ever been shown,
And no such a Saviour has ever yet been known.
In ages to come as well as those past,
He only our Advocate, and ever will last;
Our only Hope and the only Way,
How Wonderful He is throughout life's dark day.
All power He has in heaven and earth,
And will give to all men who come the new birth.

-- Chris Gerig, 1880-1962

May the Lord comfort the bereaved .

By This Means Ye Fed, Sheltered and Clothed Me



South View of the Home

THE EVANGELICAL MENNONITE

E. E. ZIMMERMAN, General Manager

R. R. 5

Peoria, Illinois Aug 18, 1965

Rev E. G. Steiner
Fort Wayne Indiana

Dear Bro. Steiner

I was asked by a member of the
Salem Church (not a relative) that the name of
Chris Gering should be included in the biographies.
Therefore I am now sending a sketch of his life.

Sincerely
E. E. Zimmerman

Name Chris Gering

Born Jan 17, 1880 Waldo Twp Livingston Co. Ill

Parents: Joseph Gering (father) Fanny Rath (mother)

Married: Mary Ann Litwiler Sept 20 1906

Children: Viola, Lillian

Schools attended: Country grade school

Vocations: Farmer, carpenter

Conversion: when a young man

Ordination Chosen deacon 1925 Served 37 years

Local Church Service SS. teacher 25 years Deacon 37 years
substitute for local pastor and other churches

Conference Service: Director of Salem Children's Home
Farm manager of Salem Children's Home

Other:

Death: Feb. 20, 1962.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Gerig from the local church, moved into the farm house March 1, 1941. Mr. Gerig has, since that time, had charge of the farm work, and has very successfully carried out any carpenter duties that have presented themselves besides the farm work, the Home being fifty years old is constantly in need of repair.

opened the way for us to come. We moved over the same Spring, and we enjoy to help along with the work.

We feel that it is a work that is worth while, and as we see unfortunate children brought in from time to time we are reminded of the words of Jesus found in Matt. 18:5: 'And whoso shall



Mr. and Mrs. Chris Gerig

Mrs. Gerig has been very faithful in helping along with the mending in the sewing department and any other duties that were assigned to her.

Here is their picture and personal testimony.

"In the Spring of 1941, there was a vacancy to be filled here at the Salem Children's Home.

The need was presented to us, and the Lord

receive one such little child in My name receiveth Me.'

And we do testify to the truth of the words of God concerning His presence with us as in Exodus 33:14: 'My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest.'"

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Gerig.

JUNE 26th, 1955
Flanagan, Ill.

I would like to leave my testimony, with you, what the Lord has done for me. My Heavenly Father is great, and never once yet did He make a mistake, and he never will.

Early in the New Year of 1948-on the eight day, the Lord took away my dear wife to glory.

Unexpected, she was in the Hospital 57 miles from me, I have had such faith, that He would let her get well. But He saw different, and took her to Himself. That was a shock to me, and I did not know what to do, and I could not see my way through

Satan then came and tried to discourage me, And by the Grace of God I said, Satan I do not believe one word that you say, you been a liar all along, and you might just as well leave me and go.

I have had faith God would spare her for me, but He knew best, so with God's help I made up my mind that there was not one thing that I can do about it. And no right to worry myself sick, that would only run my health down so I resign to God's Will, rather than to make it miserable for me and to others also.

Our two daughters both married & had children, One daughter said to me, Dad we are Christians and we say God does all things well, and He took mother away from us, now let us take it as Christians should.

And I can truly say from that time and day I yielded completely all that I had, my will and my dear Companion to God, and I never had more joy in my soul than I received after that time.

God has grace for each of his children, yea, each person and He will help us through. He promised it, I believed it and that settled it once and for all.

I can not explain the joy in my heart since then. Many nights I praised God nearly all night, and now God is using me more to help souls find the Lord.

What ever God does is Amen with me and is best for me, even if I can not understand it now. I will cling to Jesus Christ and believe and trust Him, for He has fullness of joy for me and all.

Let us consider Romans 8:28. please read it, believe it, and say one big YES to God, and God will make you one of the happiest women that there is, I do not know you and very likely I never will, but still I want you to be happy and be filled with his joy and peace in your soul, and become a blessing to many discouraged men and women and to boys and girls.

I went through the mill, I know what it takes. I also know the Joy we can have by yielding to God's will.

Sincerely in Christ.

Chris Gerig.

COUNTY RECORD

STATE OF ILLINOIS

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

STATE FILE
NUMBERREGISTRATION
DISTRICT NO.REGISTERED
NUMBER

5

2. USU-
a. STA-

RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived

If institution, residence before admission,
b. COUNTY

County

COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Illinois

McLean

City and in
village and in the city, village, or town named at 1c

TOWN, VILLAGE, OR TOWN

Residence was

☐ OUTSIDE city limits and in

TOWNSHIP

☒ IF INSIDE city limits and in the city, village, or town named at 2d

CITY, VILLAGE, OR TOWN

e. LENGTH of RESIDENCE
AT 2c or 2d

6 yrs.

g. Did decedent reside
ON A FARM?YES ☐ NO ☐

City

6 yrs.

Gridley

STREET ADDRESS

(if not in hospital or institution, give street
address)

1. SEX

OF

DECEASED

a. FIRST

b. MIDDLE

c. LAST

d. RACE

e. OCCUPATION (Give kind of
business during most of working life, even
if retired)f. MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED,
WIDOWED, DIVORCED (specify)

g. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY

h. BIRTH-PLACE (City and state or foreign country)

i. CITIZEN OF what
country?

j. DATE OF DEATH

k. AGE (in years
last birthday)

l. If under 1 year

m. If under 24 hrs.

n. HOURS

o. MIN.

p. SOCIAL SECURITY
NUMBERq. INFORMANT
a. SIGNATURE

b. ADDRESS

c. RELATIONSHIP TO
DECEASEDd. INTERVAL BETWEEN
ONSET AND DEATH

e. IMMEDIATE CAUSE (A)

f. due to (B)

g. IMMEDIATE

h. due to (C)

i. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO THE TERMINAL CONDITION GIVEN IN PART IIA.

j. CARCINOMA

k. RECTUM

l. 6 years

m. 19. AUTOPSY?

n. YES ☐ NO ☒

o. 20. DESCRIBE CIRCUMSTANCES OF INJURY, IF ANY, WHOSE NATURE IS MENTIONED IN PART I OR PART II ABOVE.

p. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from

q. Jan. 25

r. 19 62

s. to Feb. 20

t. 19 62

u. and death occurred at

v. 3:45P.

w. M., from the causes and in the place stated above.

x. DATE

y. SIGNED

z. ADDRESS

aa. PHONE

ab. DISPOSITION: BURIAL

ac. CEMETERY

ad. LOCATION

ae. 23. FIRM NAME

af. ADDRESS

ag. SIGNATURE

ah. LICENSE

ai. 24. Received for
filing on

aj. (Signed)

ak. February 22, 1962

al. VS & R 200.1-BUREAU OF STATISTICS-ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH-SPRINGFIELD

am. I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the death record for the decedent named at item 3,

an. and that this record was established and filed in my office in accordance with the provisions of the Illinois statutes.

ao. DATE

ap. BLOOMINGTON

aq. , Illinois.

ar. OFFICIAL TITLE

as. COUNTY CLERK

at. The original record of this death is permanently filed with the ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH at Springfield. County clerks and local

au. registrars are authorized to make certifications from copies of the original record. The Illinois statutes provide that the certification of a death record by the

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Chris Gerig Answers Final Call Tuesday

Well Known Retired Man
Passes Away In Gridley; Last
Rites Are Held This Friday

Chris Gerig, a native of Waldo township, and former Flanagan resident, died Tuesday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Stucky in Gridley. He passed away at the age of 82 years, one month and three days. Mr. Gerig had been in failing health for several months.

Funeral services will be held on Friday morning at 10:00 o'clock at the Salem Evangelical Mennonite church. The Rev. John Lehman will officiate. Burial will be in the Waldo cemetery.

Visitation was at the Froelich Memorial home in Gridley, after 3:00 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

Chris Gerig, a son of Joseph and Fannie Roth Gerig, was born in Waldo township, January 17, 1880. On September 20, 1906, he was married to Mary Litwiller. They farmed in Pike township, and in 1918 moved to the farm where Roy Roeschleys now live. In 1923 they moved to Flanagan into the home now owned by the Gurdon Goulds. In 1941 they moved to the Salem Children's home where Mr. Gerig served as farm manager for a number of years. Mrs. Gerig passed away January 8, 1948.

Mr. Gerig moved to Flanagan after the death of Mrs. Gerig, residing in the home where the Delbert Augsburgers live. For the past several years he has lived at Gridley with his sons-in-law and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Stucky and Mr. and Mrs. Elden Roth.

Mr. Gerig was a pleasant man to meet and visit with. He was a successful farmer, and a hard worker. In later years he worked about Flanagan as a carpenter, and was a conscientious tradesman.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Elden (Viola) Roth, Mrs. Ezra (Lillian) Stucky, both of Gridley; two brothers, Peter, Flanagan; Ben F., Pontiac; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Gerig, Mrs. Lizzie Becker, both of Woodburn, Ind.; eight grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Joseph, John and Jacob Gerig, all of Woodburn, Ind.; five sisters, Anna and Lydia, in infancy, Mrs. Lena Zimmerman, Flanagan; Mrs. Katie Becker and Miss Emma

Chris Gerig Passes Away Funeral Set For Friday

Chris Gerig, 82, a life-long resident of the Gridley area, died at 3:40 p.m. Tuesday afternoon at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Stucky.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the Salem Evangelical Church with the Rev. John Lehman officiating. Burial will be in Waldo Cemetery.

Visitation will begin at 3 p.m. Thursday at the Froelich Memorial Home in Gridley. He will be taken to the church at 9 a.m. Friday to lie in state until time for the funeral rites.

He was born Jan. 17, 1880, in Waldo Township, the son of Joseph and Fannie Roth Gerig. He married Mary Ann Litwiller on Sept. 20, 1906 at Meadows. She died Jan. 8, 1948.

Mr. Gerig farmed in this area for many years. He was employed by the Salem Children's Home at Meadows for 7 years, from 1941-48, at which time he retired and took up residence in Flanagan. He was also engaged in carpenter work for many years, moving to Gridley in 1955.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Viola (Eldon) Roth and Mrs. Lillian (Ezra) Stucky, both of Gridley; two brothers, Peter, of Flanagan and Ben F. of Pontiac; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Gerig and Mrs. Lizzie Becker, both of Woodburn, Ind.; eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three brothers and five sisters.

Chris Gerig

Chris Gerig was the fifth son born to Joseph and Fannie Roth Gerig, Jan. 17, 1880, in Waldo Township, on the original homestead.

On Sept. 20, 1906 at the Salem church he was united in marriage to Mary Ann Litwiller, who also was a native of that community. They were the parents of two daughters. They farmed in Pike township and a number of years later moved to a farm a mile N.E. of Flanagan where they lived until they went several years later to reside in the village of Flanagan. From there on Mar. 1, 1941 they went to the Salem Children's Home, remaining there seven years until his wife died, Jan. 8, 1948. He was farm manager and she helped with the housework, especially sewing.

After the death of his wife he resided for 18 months with his youngest daughter and her family until he again returned to Flanagan where he remained until he went to Gridley spending one half of his time with each of his two daughters. For several years after the death of his wife he did carpenter work.

In his young manhood he accepted Christ as his Saviour and then became a member of the Evangelical Mennonite [Salem] Church. He served his church and conference in various capacities as deacon for about 37 years, Sunday School teacher 25 years, sometimes substituted in the absence of the pastor, or

other places, director of the Salem Children's Home for a few years, conference delegate for many years, and often giving advice in important matters. He served his Lord faithfully which was his greatest desire. He was a loving husband and a kind father. For the last few months he was in failing health. Quite unexpectedly in the afternoon of Feb. 20, he went to be with his Lord. He reached the age of 82 years, 1 month, and 3 days. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." Ps. 116:15

Surviving are the daughters, Mrs. Elden [Viola] Roth, Mrs. Ezra [Lillian] Stucky, both of Gridley; eight grandchildren, five great grandchildren; two brothers, Peter of Flanagan, Ben of Pontiac; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Gerig, Woodburn, Indiana; Mrs. Henry [Lizzie] Becker, Antwerp, Ohio, besides other relatives and many friends. Preceding him in death besides his parents were three brothers, John, Joseph and Jacob all of Woodburn, Indiana; five sisters, Anna at six years, Lydia in infancy, Mrs. Lena Zimmerman of Flanagan; Mrs. Katie Becker and Miss Emma Gerig both of Gridley.

Funeral services were conducted Feb. 23, at the Salem church by the pastor Rev. John Lehman, assisted at the cemetery by Rev. E. M. Rocke of Morton, Illinois. Burial was in Waldo cemetery ½ mile west from the church.

Chris Gerig Jan 17 - 1880

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Mary Gerig, daughter of David and Maria (Rediger) Litwiller was born near Gridley, Ill., Nov. 29, 1889 and passed away in Peoria, on Thursday, Jan. 8, having reached the age of 58 years, 1 month and 10 days.

She accepted Christ as her Saviour in early youth and united with the Salem Mennonite church of which she remained a faithful member until death.

On Sept. 20, 1906 she was united in marriage with Chris Gerig. Two daughters were born to this union.

She will be remembered as a kind and considerate wife and mother, having a constant concern for the welfare of her children and grandchildren. She was also a willing and sincere worker in the church as long as her health permitted.

She leaves to mourn her departure her sorrowing husband, 2 daughters, Mrs. Eldon Roth of Gridley and Mrs. Ezra Stucky of Chenoa; 2 brothers. Joseph Litwiller of Archbold, Ohio and Chris of Berne, Indiana, and 3 sisters, Mrs. Eli Oyer of Olivet, Ill., Mrs. Benj. Gerig and Miss Magdalena Litwiller of Pontiac, besides 8 grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. One sister and a brother preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held at the Salem Mennonite Church, Sunday, Jan. 11, in charge of the Pastor, Rev. H. E. Bertsche.

WIFE AND MOTHER

April 11, 1948

It is just three months ago today
We laid our wife and mother away;
A saintly wife and mother was she,
And very sweet and precious to me.

But now she is in the better land,
For God came down and took her hand.
"Your time is up, my child," said He;
Thou shalt forever dwell with me.

There was nothing we could do or say
But let the dear Lord have His way.
His way is best, though we cannot see
Why He so soon would take her from me.

Her time here on earth was well spent;
Faithful and true was she till she went;
A mother and wife so sweet and dear
While she was living with us down here.

What shall we say, what shall we do?
Lord, be pleased to help us through,
That I may true and faithful be,
Since every promise is for me?

Lord Jesus, tell our darling dear
We miss her much while living here;
Down here we also shall prepare
To meet our darling and wife up there.

As we are traveling on our way,
Dear Lord, we miss her every day;
We'll meet her in her home above,
Where all is peace, where all is love.

Some day, some time, we will understand,
For on His promise we can depend;
For every one of them is true,
They fail us not, but help us through.

Some day, our darling, we shall meet
On the beautiful, beautiful, golden street;
Up there where there shall be no night,
Where Christ Himself shall be the Light.

Lord, give us faith; in Thee we trust
In all our trials, for Thou art just.
No error, Lord, hast Thou ever made;
Thy help is never too long delayed.

-- Chris Gerig & Family

Rise Up and Call Her Blessed

... Proverbs 31:28

Never underestimate the influence of a good mother. Such an influence could be attested to by many in the ranks of EMC. Becky Gates recently interviewed Don Roth, pastor of Brookside EMC; Dave Roth, conference treasurer; and Cheryl (Roth)



Cecil, pastor's wife from Woodburn EMC. Representing their sisters, Mrs. Roger (Marjery) Frey and Mrs. Richard (Marilyn) Oyer, these three reveal the impact of their mother's life on the lives of her children and "rise up and call her blessed."

Along with her husband, Eldon Roth (described by his children as carefree, contented, faithful, and hard-working), Viola created an atmosphere of encouragement, stimulation, security, and challenge in the home. Each of her children know the Lord and serve Him in various capacities. Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Roth are members of the Salem EMC Church in Gridley, Illinois.

What is your earliest childhood memory involving your mother?

Cheryl: Being the youngest, I probably remember having my mother a little bit more to myself than the others did. I can remember days of sending all the others off for a day of school and feeling pretty lucky to have my mom's attention just for myself. I remember her taking time to do puzzles and other special activities with me.

Dave: Being the fourth child in five or six years, I have an overall impression of Mother being very busy. I do have a really strong impression of her being available to us. I remember her as being a reader who would sit down with us and read.

Do you remember any particular books?

Dave: Sugar Creek Gang books! Those were number one.

Cheryl: Later on when Marj and I shared a bedroom, even though we were older, Mother would come in and read that series to us. It was very special.

Don: My very earliest memory of Mom was when I was four years old. She lead me to accept Christ as my Savior in the farm kitchen in front of the cook stove. I

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also agree with Dave that one of the earliest memories is the reading that she did with us, which was mostly in the evenings. In addition to the Sugar Creek Gang, I remember the Egermeier Bible Story Book and the Mother Goose Book for a change of pace.

Dave: Mother had a strong purpose about where she was going and about where she expected us to go. I don't remember a day when I wasn't conscious that she had a level of expectation for us. She expected us to live up to what God had in mind for us.

Don: I agree. Two things I have always reminded Mom that she decided for me were that I was going to Wheaton College and that I would be a minister. She claims that she didn't, but as far back as I can think it had to be her influence.

I think one of the ways that she implemented her purpose was through radio station WMBI. It was on constantly during the day. In the summer it carried Winona Lake Bible Conference sessions. I know that this was a very strong influence on my life. Remember Sunday afternoon's Old Fashioned Revival Hour and Aunt Teresa, Cheryl? That was as regular as Sunday School and church.

How was your mother different from mothers of your peers?

Don: I always thought Mom was more strict than the mothers of my friends. She took hard lines on the language we used and on making sure that we prayed, read, and memorized Scripture. She insisted on us listening to WMBI instead of WLS, or a couple of the popular secular stations. I think that she was more demanding spiritually and morally of us than some other mothers may have been.

Cheryl: I always knew that Mother was going to be there when I got home from school. A few of my friends' mothers worked and my friends had to let themselves in when they got home. I was glad to know my mother would be there and often would have specially baked cookies awaiting for us. I knew that she really put her family first.

Dave: Those last words, family first, sum it up. My mother's future was in her home and in the church, which was second both geographically and in terms of importance. Between those two areas she could find about all the fulfillment she needed. Also, where her limited resources as a farmer's wife and mother of five may not have allowed her to do certain things, some of them were going to be accomplished through her children.

Can you relate some of the specific traits or words of your mother which influenced you in your present adult role?

Cheryl: Mother used objects from everyday life to teach lessons and spiritual truths. I remember her doing this frequently. Once when she was sewing, Dave said,

"I am so bored!" It was raining outside and there was nothing to do. Mom encouraged us to find something in her sewing box to occupy our time. She pulled out a magnet and touched it to some pins. She likened this to what Christ will do when He comes for us. Now as a parent, I find myself relating common objects around the house to a truth I want to pass on to my children.

Dave: One of the things that has affected me as a parent is that Mother took firm and balanced action when I did things she did not appreciate. I try to practice that — to hear both sides out before going on a tirade.

Don: I was one of two strong-willed children in the family. There were times of tension between Mom and me. One of her approaches was crying. When she cried, I knew I had overstepped my bounds, and all of the guilt that I could muster would come to the fore. I'd be ready to surrender my cause. The other thing that I remember her saying is, "Your wife will correct you if you don't listen to my correction." I used to think that wouldn't be true, but it has been! Another statement she repeated was, "You need to confess this to the Lord." She put heavy emphasis on going to the Lord and straightening out whatever was troubling that relationship.

What other contributions did your mother make to prepare you for independence?

Cheryl: The one I can remember came at a point when I needed to be independent. Being away from home my first year out of high school, I was more homesick than I would admit. I would go home on weekends and be reluctant to return to my apartment and job. She would say, "You have a job. You need to stick with it. People are counting on you." That helped so much. I know I would be defeated today if I had quit in the middle of that year.

Dave: From the time I was four or five, I'd have to stay with Cheryl until she fell asleep for her nap. I remember planting potatoes. All of us kids got involved in the garden. And I herded cows at an age when I think I would never put my boys out with that size of cattle. From fifth grade on, it was a paper route. Mother told me she never had a chance to go to college. If I wanted to go, I needed to start saving money. She helped me do what I couldn't do myself. Every Saturday morning, we'd sit down and count out the rolls of quarters and turn the money in to the *Panagraph*. Those responsibilities at various stages of my life helped me.

Don: Mom assigned responsibilities, but she also encouraged me to make my own decisions; if she didn't

like them, I knew it. But she didn't make them for me. She also said, "Finish what you start. Choose what you are going to start, but if you start something, make sure that you bring it to a point of completion." Always there was a strong emphasis on serving Jesus Christ. That was the central point around which all of life revolved.

What devotional model did she provide for you?

Dave: We mentioned the reading. It was a kind of combination of devotional and fellowship time. I think deeper than that was a sense of her living and fellowshiping with Christ as she went through a day.

Don: I agree. There was not a twenty-minute period that I was aware of, but in all of the listening to the radio, her regular church attendance, and in devotional times with us, she communicated that developing a relationship with Christ was very important. She spoke of the relationship with God that she had and what it meant to her. Much of what she conveyed to us was fallout of her mother's example with her. I think maybe a devotional model was even more pronounced with her mother whose Bible I have. The underlining indicates that there was an immense amount of time spent in the Word. We're at least the third generation who benefited from that.

Cheryl: Her example continues. It has been reassuring to me to know that Mother and Dad are praying for their family and that they are reading the Bible together now. I called home a few days ago and Mother said, "We were just getting ready to start our devotions." For whatever else may or may not have been done, that to me serves as a strong example.

If you have to choose five adjectives to describe your mother in summary, what would they be?

Cheryl: One would definitely be loving. Dedicated. Caring. Available . . .

Dave: I'll add to that highly principled. Gentle.

Don: Sensitive. I say that in the sense of getting her feelings hurt very easily. That wasn't always positive. And determined. I saw her as a very determined person who would eventually realize her goals.

The influence of this mother is multiplied daily through her personal life and the lives of her children and thirteen grandchildren. Never underestimate the influence of a godly mother.



Mr. and Mrs. Elden W. Roth

Gridley couple wed 50 years

GRIDLEY — Mr. and Mrs. Elden W. Roth of Gridley will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open reception from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 18, at the Community Hall in Gridley.

Mr. Roth and the former Viola Mae Gerig were married Sept. 15, 1927, at Flanagan. They farmed north of Gridley until 1950 when they moved to Gridley.

The couple has two sons;

Donald W. and E. David, both of Fort Wayne, Ind., and three daughters; Mrs. Marilyn Oyer of Gridley, Mrs. Margery Frey of Normal, and Mrs. Cheryl Cecil of Woodburn, Ind. They have 11 grandchildren.

Viola M. Roth

MEADOWS — The funeral of Viola M. Roth, 85, of 15 Burt Village, Meadows, formerly of Gridley, a homemaker and former piano teacher, will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Salem Mennonite Church, rural Gridley.

The Rev. George Craig will officiate. Burial will be in Waldo Township Cemetery, rural Gridley.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. today at Froelich Memorial Home, Gridley, and from 10 to 11 a.m. Friday at the church.

Mrs. Roth died at 5:45 p.m. Tuesday (June 22, 1993) at Meadows Mennonite Home.

She was born Sept. 10, 1907, in Pike Township, Livingston County, a daughter of Chris and Mary Ann Litwiller Gerig. She married Elden W. Roth Sept. 15, 1927, at Flanagan. He died March 2, 1988.

Survivors include three daughters, Marilyn Oyer, Gridley; Marge Frey, 1509 Fort Jesse Road, Normal; and Cheryl Cecil, Morton; two sons, Donald Roth, Fort Wayne, Ind., and David Roth, Leo, Ind.; one sister, Lillian Stucky, Burt Village, Meadows; 13 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Roth studied music and gave private piano lessons in Gridley. She was an avid gardener, and especially enjoyed flowers.

She was a member of Salem Mennonite Church where she was church librarian, correspondent and taught a Sunday school class.

Memorials may be made to her church or to the Alzheimer's Unit at Meadows Mennonite Home.

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Elden W. Roth

GRIDLEY — The funeral of Elden W. Roth, 86, of Gridley will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Salem Mennonite Church, rural Gridley.

The Rev. George Craig will officiate. Burial will be in Waldo Cemetery, rural Gridley.

Visitation will be from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today at Froelich Memorial Home, Gridley, and for one hour before the service Saturday at the church.

Mr. Roth died at 8:50 p.m. Wednesday (March 2, 1988) at Meadows Mennonite Home.

He was born Dec. 2, 1901, in rural Gridley, a son of Daniel and Barbara Ehresman Roth. He married Viola M. Gerig on Sept. 15, 1927, in Flanagan. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Marilyn Oyer, Gridley; Cheryl Cecil, Morton; and Marjorie Frey, 8 Hawthorne Drive, Normal; two sons, the Rev. Donald, Fort Wayne, Ind., and David, Leo, Ind.; four brothers, Harley, Flanagan; Levi, Meadows; Chester, 1105 Westview Drive, Normal; and Claris, Gridley; and 13 grandchildren.

Two brothers preceded him in death.

Mr. Roth was a member of Salem Mennonite Church. He worked at Hart-Carter Co., Gridley, and at Ulrich Manufacturing in Roanoke.

Memorials may be made to the Salem Church Mission or to Meadows Mennonite Home.

Ezra Stucky

CHENOA — Ezra Stucky, 92, of R.R. 1, Chenoa, died at 3:15 p.m. Friday (Feb. 3, 1995) at Meadows Mennonite Home, rural Chenoa.

His funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Salem Evangelical Mennonite Church, rural Flanagan, the Rev. Willie Hunter and the Rev. Earl Cecil officiating. Burial will be in Waldo Township Cemetery, rural Flanagan.

Visitation will be from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Froelich Memorial Home, Gridley.

He was born May 29, 1902, in Berne, Ind., a son of Christian and Katie Stuckey Stucky. He married Lillian Gerig Sept. 5, 1928, in rural Flanagan. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Jean Folkers, El Paso; two sons, Richard Stucky, Glen Ellyn, and Roger Stucky, Bloomington; two sisters, Armina Sommer, and Silva Dubach, both of Berne, Ind.; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and three sisters.

Mr. Stucky was a member of the Salem Evangelical Mennonite Church, rural Flanagan. He farmed until 1951 and later worked for Hart, Carter Manufacturing, Gridley, and Ulrich Manufacturing, Roanoke.

Memorials may be made to his church or Meadows Mennonite Home.



MR. AND MRS. EZRA STUCKY

Ezra Stuckeys observe 50th anniversary, Sept. 5

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Stucky of Gridley will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Tuesday, Sept. 5.

Ezra and the former Lillian Gerig were married Sept. 5, 1928 at the home of the bride's parents, in Flanagan. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Elden Roth.

They are the parents of three children, Mrs. Leon [Jean] Folkers, rural Minonk,

Richard, Glen Ellyn, and Roger, Rohner Park, Calif. There are nine grandchildren.

Their children hosted a family dinner at th Palamar in Pontiac on April 30. The occasion was also a farewell for the Roger Stuckys, wh moved to California in May.

Henry G. and Lizzie
(Gerig)
Becker

THE FAMILY OF HENRY AND ELIZABETH (GERIG) BECKER

ELIZABETH GERIG	b. May 20, 1881	d. Jun 17, 1966
m: Feb 6, 1918		
Henry G. Becker	b. Jan 12, 1880	d. Dec 4, 1964
1. Luella Mae Becker	b. Dec 14, 1918	d. Dec 14, 1918
2. Wilmer Roy Becker	b. Jan 26, 1920	d. Nov 12, 1968
m:		
Mary Evans	b.	d. Sep 28, 1990
LUELLA MAE BECKER	b. Dec 14, 1918	d. Dec 14, 1918
WILMER ROY BECKER	b. Jan 26, 1920	d. Nov 12, 1968
m:		
Mary Evans	b.	
A. Cynthia Ann Becker	b. Sep 1, 1946	

MARRIAGE LICENSE

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS
LIVINGSTON

County
(To any Person legally authorized to solemnize Marriage)
GREETING

MARRIAGE MAY BE CELEBRATED

Between Mr. Henry F. Becker of Woodburn
in the County of Allen and State of Indiana
of the age of 38 years and
Miss Lizzie Gerig of Flanagan
in the County of Livingston and State of Illinois
of the age of 36 years

Witness W. W. KENNY County Clerk
and the seal of said County at his Office in PONTIAC, ILL. in said County
this 5th day of February A. D. 1918

W. W. Kenny County Clerk
F. L. Danco Deputy

State of Illinois
LIVINGSTON COUNTY

SS

I, B. Ryle
a Elder of the Defenceless Mennonite Church hereby
certify that Mr. Henry F. Becker of Woodburn, Ind. and
Miss Lizzie Gerig of Flanagan, Ill. were united in Marriage by me at
Flanagan, Livingston Co., Ill. in the County of Livingston
and State of Illinois on the sixth day of February A. D. 1918.

B. Ryle
Elder of Defenceless Mennonites

Marriage License

ADULT

Mr. Henry G. Becker

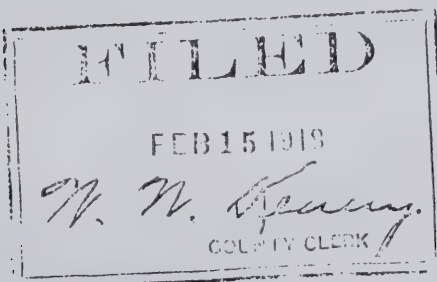
WITH

Miss Lizzie GerigIssued Feb 5 1918

Married _____ 19____

Filed _____ 19____

CLERK.



Registered _____ 19____

Marriage Register _____

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BARTAGLIA P. & SONS
CHICAGO, ILL.

This return is to be carefully filled out and returned with the Marriage License. This return does not take the place of the Certificate which comes attached to the License, but is IN ADDITION THERETO.

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

Return of a Marriage to County Clerk.

1. Full name of GROOM Henry G. Becker
2. Place of residence Woodburn, Ind.
3. Occupation Farmer
4. Age next birthday 39 years. Color white Race _____
5. Place of birth Wilhelmsen, Germany
6. Father's name George Becker
7. Mother's maiden name Elisabeth Fischer
8. Number of groom's marriage first
9. Full name of BRIDE Lizzie Gerig
Maiden name if a widow _____
10. Place of residence Planaragon, Ill.
11. Age next birthday 37 years. Color white Race _____
12. Place of birth Waldo, Iowa, Livingston Co. Ill.
13. Father's name Joseph Gerig
14. Mother's maiden name Pammy Roth
15. Number of bride's marriage first
16. Married at Planaragon in the County of Livingston and State of Illinois, the 6 day of February 1918.
17. Witnesses to marriage E. B. Zimmerman
Emma Gerig

N. B.—At Nos. 8 and 15 state whether 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, &c., marriage of each. At 17 give name of subscribing witnesses to the Marriage Certificate. If no subscribing witnesses, give names of two persons who witnessed the ceremony.

February 6 1918.

We hereby certify that the information above given is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Henry G. Becker (Groom.)
Lizzie Becker (Bride.)

I hereby certify that the above is a correct return of a Marriage solemnized by me.

E. B. Zimmerman
Elder D. M. Canfield
Dated at Planaragon this 6 day of February 1918

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON)
I, ARNOLD E. NITZKE, COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER WITHIN AND FOR SAID COUNTY AND STATE AFORESAID, AND KEEPER OF THE RECORDS HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE PHOTO COPY OF THE RECORD ON FILE IN THIS OFFICE. IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HERETO SUBSCRIBED MY HAND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF SAID COUNTY, AT MY OFFICE IN POSTAL, ILLINOIS THIS _____ DAY OF _____ A.D., 1918.

NOT VALID UNLESS RAISED SEAL OF LIVINGSTON COUNTY AFFIXED.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER



Henry and Lizzie Becker

Lizzie Gerig



Wilmer and Lizzie Becker





Lizzie, Cynthia and Henry Becker



Henry, Wilmer and Lizzie Becker



Wilmer Becker

BULLETIN

The Lizzie Becker Estate from Woodburn, Indiana has arrived and we can now report the High School Girls Cottage is completely paid for. How grateful we are to God for those who are willing to share their possessions so that those who are in need can have the opportunity of a normal life and receive training which prepares them for a better future. During a period of 2 years over \$77,000 has been given for this project. May God bless each and everyone who has helped make this cottage a reality.

Lizzie Becker

Lizzie Becker, born May 20, 1881 in Gridley, Illinois, died June 17, 1966. She had been living at the Glenacres Convalescent Home in Fort Wayne, Indiana, but was hospitalized for a few weeks prior to her death. She was preceded in death by her husband Henry G. Becker in December, 1964. Surviving are a son Wilmer of Richmond, Indiana and granddaughter Cynthia of Fort Wayne, a brother Peter of Flanagan, Ill., and sister, Mrs. Mary Gerig of Woodburn, Indiana. Mrs. Becker was a member of the Woodburn Church where funeral services were held June 19, with Rev. Clair Bixler officiating.

Lizzie²⁰ G. Becker

Wilmer Becker

Graveside services were at 11 a.m. today in Woodburn Mennonite Cemetery for Wilmer Becker, 48, of 2004½ South Calhoun St., who was found dead in his apartment about 8:30 p.m. Thursday.

Mr. Becker had been dead an estimated two to four days. He was on a davenport covered with a blanket. A portable television set was running. He had been in ill health including a diabetic condition.

Dr. Gordon Franke, County Coroner, attributed death to natural causes.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday in Woodburn Mennonite Church. Arrangements were by the Schilb Funeral Home, Antwerp, O. He is survived by a daughter, Cynthia Becker, Fort Wayne.

Emma Gerig



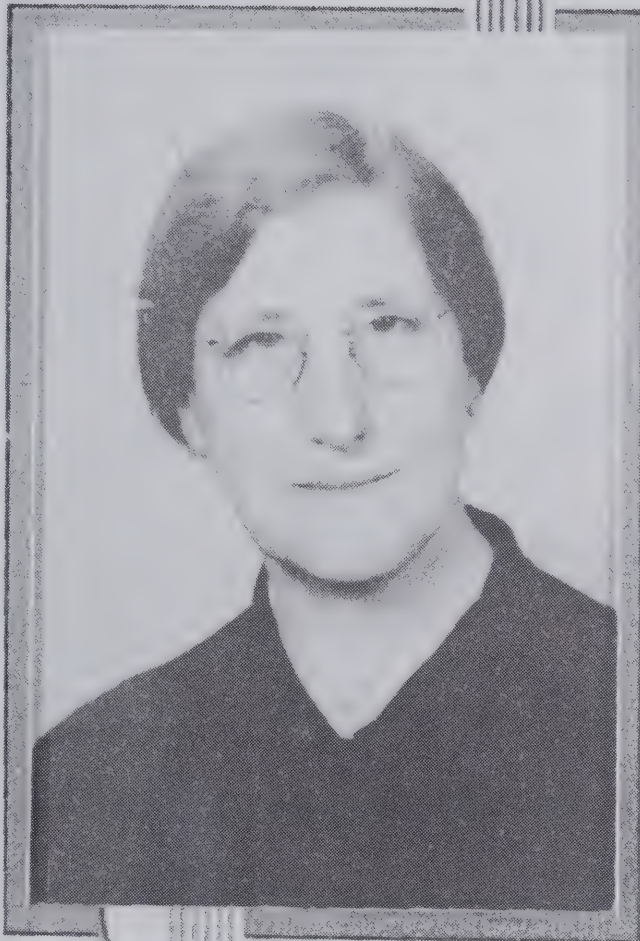
Emma Gerig



Emma Gerig



Lizzie and Emma Gerig



*Portrait by David Lee Studio
Chicago*

Emma Gerig



Josie Hopewell and Emma Gerig



Emma Gerig



**Aunt Emma's Home in Chicago
2053 N. Albany Ave.
1947**

Mar. 29 - 1948

my Dear Nephew Donald:

I will now write a reply
to your most lovely letter, sweet christ
spirit and manner.

It all was so interesting, glad you
all recovered from the numps.

No I had not known that your
Grandma died from B - pneumonia.
She was terribly sick for a while.
But you know when she left that so.
It was just like the saved thief
on the cross she went to be present
with the Lord, for ever morning no
night over there. beautiful heavenly Home.

And now we can be faithful to
Our dear Jesus like Grandma was.

I guess you had a nice Easter. We
were to 3 services yesterday it was
so good. Bro. Habeger was here from
Wed. 24 to Sun. night 28th 45 went
to the prayer room. My how good
he did preach. the Lord helped him

now grandpa won't be at the
Children's Home long any more.
he is a blessed man like ps. 1:1-3

yesterday in the Sunday school there were many children, and each child got a plant and they are to take care of them for $\frac{1}{2}$ yr and in the fall all bring their plants to Sunday school, and the one that has the nicest plant will get a present.

Some were such little tots the parents had to carry the plants for them, they had over 800 flower plants.

And 6 tiny babies were dedicated yesterday after Sunday school.

At night they had baptisms service after the other meeting, but we did not stay for that.

Bis. preacher Haber left Chicago at 1:49 a.m. to fly to California and was to arrive at 7:47 a.m. this Mon. morning. going home.

He thought he could not come, he had to be in Calif. by Mon. noon so they paid his fare to fly home. he came here from Pittsburg Pa.

I hope you are all well and write again. I shall be happy to hear from you & of all the rest, fine to hear from a nephew like you. God bless you a good bye always.

Love Sincerely yours
Aunt Emma Berg

Emma Gerig

Emma Gerig, daughter of Joseph and Fanny Roth Gerig was born Sept. 22, 1883 in Waldo Twp. several miles SE of Flanagan, Illinois. As a young girl she had a delight in helping those who were in need. When still a young lady she receive her diploma from the Chatauqua School of nursing. Afterwards she made good use of her education as a practical nurse in ministering to the physical needs of others.

In her younger years she accepted Christ as her personal Saviour and became a member of the Salem Evangelical Mennonite Church of which she remained a loyal member. Later she dedicated her life to the Lord's service and was directed to do Home Missionary Work.

She was a worker at the Salem Children's Home for about two years. For approximately 30 years she did missionary work in Chicago, operating her own mission for a few years and later was affiliated with other missions in the city.

In 1954 she moved from Chicago to Flanagan and in 1957 to Gridley.

Sunday, November 1 approximately three hours after a tragic highway accident near Flanagan, she quietly passed to her eternal reward to be forever with the Lord whom she dearly loved. She attained the age of 76 years, 1 month and 9 days.

Surviving are four brothers, Jacob, Woodburn, Indiana; Peter, Flanagan; Chris, Gridley; Ben F., Pontiac; and two sisters, Mrs. Mary Gerig and Mrs. Henry Becker both of Woodburn, Ind., and several neices and nephews.

In addition to her parents, four sisters and two brothers preceded her in eath.

Funeral services were conducted November 3 at the Froelich Memorial Home and the Salem Evangelical Mennonite church. Rev. Charles Zimmerman officiated. Burial was in the Waldo cemetery about one-half mile west of the church.

Two Gridley Women Fatally Injured in Flanagan Crash

Miss Hopewell, Miss Gerig Die In Collision

FLANAGAN — Two Gridley women were killed and a Pontiac girl injured in a two car collision on Route 116, a mile and a half east of here at 12:55 p. m. Sunday.

Dead are Miss Emma Gerig, 76, and Miss Josie Hopewell, 68.

Hospitalized at St. James Hospital at Pontiac is Miss Rose Decker, 18, of 529 Grant Ave., Pontiac. She was reported to be in good condition.

The crash occurred when the car carrying the two women, driven by Chris Gerig, 79, brother of one of the dead women, slowed to make a turn from the highway.

As he slowed, investigating officers reported, the car driven by Miss Decker struck the rear of

the Gerig vehicle knocking it into the ditch, where it overturned.

THROWN FROM CAR

Mr. Gerig was thrown from the car and Miss Gerig was thrown partially from the car and pinned beneath the wreckage. She died at St. James Hospital at 3:15 p. m.

Miss Hopewell was killed instantly. She was found in the car.

Mr. Gerig was treated at the hospital and released.

Deputy Livingston County Coroner K. G. Essington of Odell investigated. An inquest will be scheduled.

State Trooper Richard Harder issued a ticket to Miss Decker for driving too fast for conditions.

Both Gridley women were taken to the Froelich Memorial Home at Flanagan.

The funeral for Miss Gerig will be at 1:30 p. m. Tuesday at the Froelich Memorial Home here and at 2 p. m. at the Salem Mennonite Church, with the Rev. Charles Zimmerman officiating.

Burial will be in Waldo Cemetery.

Visitation will begin at 3 p. m. today at the funeral home.

OPERATED MISSION

She was born Sept. 22, 1883, in Waldo Township, a daughter of Joseph and Fannie Ross Gerig. She never married. She has been in mission work in Chicago for 30 years. She operated her own mission in Chicago for a number of years and was later affiliated with several other Chicago missions. She returned to Flanagan in 1954 and moved to Gridley in 1957.

Surviving are four brothers, Jacob, Woodburn, Ind.; Peter, Flanagan; Chris, Gridley; Ben F., Pontiac; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Gerig, Mrs. Henry Becker, Woodburn, Ind.

Her parents, two brothers and four sisters preceded her in death.

She was a member of Salem Mennonite Church.

LIVED IN CHICAGO

The funeral arrangements for Miss Hopewell had not been completed late Sunday night.

She was born Sept. 13, 1891, at Camargo, a daughter of James Henry and Mary Francis Richman Hopewell.

Prior to moving to Gridley, Miss Hopewell lived with a brother, J. A. Hopewell, Chicago.

Surviving are the brother and a son, Harold, Cleveland, Ohio.

Benjamin F. and
Tillie
(Litwiler)
Gerig

THE FAMILY OF BENJAMIN AND GESINA (JOOSTEN) GERIG

BENJAMIN F. GERIG

m: Jan 14, 1914

Gesina Joosten

b. Jun 25, 1885

d. Sep 16, 1965

b. Jan 13, 1888

d. Oct 22, 1947

BENJAMIN F. GERIG

m: Aug 24, 1929

Mathilda Fannie Litwiller

b. Jun 25, 1885

d. Sep 16, 1965

b. Jan 17, 1898

d. Aug 20, 1992

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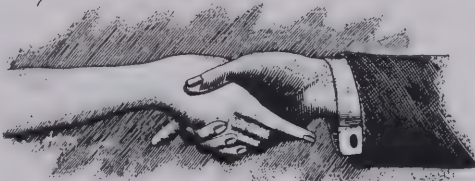
Benjamin F. Gerig
of Milwaukee
State of Wisconsin

AND

Miss Tillie Litvilles
of Pontiac
State of Illinois

WERE UNITED IN

Solely Matrimony



At Geneva

According to the Ordinance of God and the Laws of the
State of Illinois

on the 24th day:

in the year of **OUR**
Nine Hundred

of August
LORD One Thousand

Twenty Nine

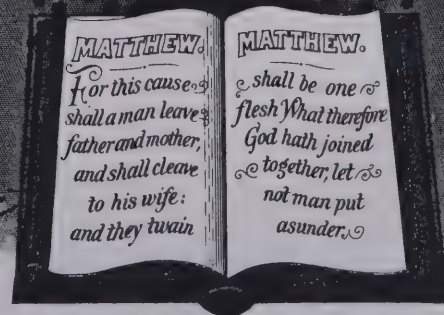
Rev. W. H. Sylesworth

Pastor First M. E. Ch.

Geneva Illinois

Witnesses

Julia M. Cylesworth





Ben Gerig



Ben Gerig



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Ben Gerig



Ben Gerig



Ben Gerig



Tillie Gerig



Ben Gerig

Ben Gerig



Ben F. Gerig



Tillie and Ben Gerig





Ben and Tillie Gerig

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Benjamin F. Gerig



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names fell into one of these three categories was difficult; some names may have been mistakenly omitted.

Excluded from the list were men with typical Mennonite names who were known to have been several generations removed from Mennonite connections.

Many Mennonite draftees registered as conscientious objectors or noncombatants, but their position was not indicated in the published records. Most conscientious objectors did not return their questionnaires, possibly because they did not want to be associated with a military project, so their names are not on the list. Others complied by returning their questionnaires; they can be identified because their records include no information other than their army camp listings.

Those who served as noncombatants were given a military rank and had a unit identification. Their records show a branch of service that did not require them to carry arms, such as the medical, engineering, or quartermaster corps. Some Mennonite draftees served in the regular army; a few enlisted.

Selected Individual Service Records

Becker, Aaron N., Chenoa, Illinois. Born December 25, 1893, Pike Twp., Livingston Co., Illinois. Farmer. Inducted June 24, 1918, Pontiac, Illinois. To Camp Wheeler, Georgia. Pvt., detailed to office work. Transferred to Camp Meade, Maryland. Discharged January 14, 1919.

Bertsche, Almon T., Flanagan, Illinois. Born November 11, 1893, Flanagan, Illinois. Farmer. Inducted June 24, 1918, Pontiac, Illinois. To Camp Wheeler, Georgia. Pvt. Transferred to Camp Meade, Maryland. Discharged January 8, 1919.

Birkey, Christ, Gridley, Illinois. Born January 26, 1888, Flanagan, Illinois. Farmer. Inducted May 31, 1918, Pontiac, Illinois. To Ft. Thomas, Kentucky. Transferred to Camp Sheridan, Alabama. Pvt., Co. M, 46 Inf. Transferred to Sup. Co., 46 Inf., August 31, 1918. Discharged December 20, 1918, Camp Grant.

Classen, Christ Fred, Cullom, Illinois. Born December 30, 1895, Cullom, Illinois. Farmer. Inducted June 24, 1918, Pontiac, Illinois. To Camp Wheeler, Georgia. Pvt., M.C., 124 Ambulance Co., 106 San. Tr., 31 Div. To Camp Mills, September 27, 1918. Sailed from Hoboken, New Jersey, October 28, 1918, on *Rijndam*. Landed at Brest, France, November 10, 1918. Transferred to 824 Cas. Co., November 20, 1918. Transferred to hospital ship *Aeolus*, December 17, 1918, to help care for wounded soldiers. Sailed from Bordeaux, France, December 18, 1918. Landed at Newport News, Virginia, January 1, 1919. To Camp Hill, January 1, 1919; to Camp Sherman, Ohio, January 22, 1919. Discharged January 30, 1919.

Egle, George C., Gridley, Illinois. Inducted June 24, 1918, Pontiac, Illinois. To Camp Wheeler, Georgia. (Further information not available. Service record not returned.)

Eigsti, William, Gridley, Illinois. Born December 27, 1892, Gridley, Illinois. Farmer. Inducted May 31, 1918, Pontiac, Illinois. To Ft. Thomas, Kentucky. Pvt. Transferred to Co. F, 43 Inf., Camp Sheridan, Alabama,

June 4 1918; to 23 Co., 6 Tr. Bn., Camp Gordon, Georgia, June 11, 1918. Discharged December 21, 1918, Camp Gordon.

Gerig, Benjamin F., Flanagan, Illinois. Born June 25, 1886, Chenoa, Illinois. Farmer and business man. Enlisted January 2, 1917, Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. To Med. Dept., West Point, New York. Pvt. 1 Cl. Transferred to Mobile Laboratory, October 12, 1917. Promoted to Sgt., June 23, 1917. Sailed from Hoboken, New Jersey, November 26, 1917, on *Aeolus*. Landed at St. Nazaire, France, December 10, 1917. Trained at LaCourtine, December 18, 1917-January 3, 1918. Transferred to 36 Operative Engrs., August 10, 1918. Promoted to Sgt. 1 Cl., July 12, 1918. Received fracture of leg by air raid while taking train of ammunition to front, Argonne Sector. To hospital, Dijon, France, September 6, 1918. Sailed from Bordeaux, France, April 14, 1919, on *Cape May*. Landed at Hoboken, New Jersey, April 27, 1919; to Camp Upton, New York, April 27, 1919. Discharged December 6, 1919, U.S.M.A. West Point, New York.

Gerig, Ezra J., Gridley, Illinois. Inducted June 24, 1918, Pontiac, Illinois. To Camp Wheeler, Georgia. (Further information not available. Service record not returned.)

Gingrich, Harry F., Flanagan, Illinois. Born October 20, 1894, Chenoa, Illinois. Machine knitter. Enlisted April 26, 1917, Whitewater, Wisconsin. Mobilized August, 1917, Camp Douglas, Wisconsin. Pvt., Co. K, 128 Inf., U.S.N.G. Transferred to Co. H, 53 Pioneer Inf.; to Co. M, 28 Inf., France, March 14, 1918; to Co. B, Composite Reg. Promoted to Pvt. 1 Cl., November, 1917. Sailed from Hoboken, New Jersey, February 18, 1918, on *U.S.S. Covington*. Landed at Brest, France, February 28, 1918; trained at Champigny, March 4-10, 1918. Engagements: Ausville (Defensive), March 25-April 3, 1918; Aisne-Marne (Offensive), July 18-23, 1918; Montdidier-Noyon (Defensive), April 25-July 17, 1918; Cantigny (Defensive), May 28-30, 1918; St. Mihiel (Offensive), Sept. 12-16, 1918; Meuse-Argonne (Offensive), October 1-12, November 1-8, 1918. Wounded, Soissons, July 18, 1918, machine gun; Argonne, November 8, 1918, gas. To French Hospital at Beuel, July 21, 1918. Army of Occupation: Coblenz, Heilyenroth, and Hahn, Germany, April 1-June 15, 1919. Sailed from Brest, France, September 1, 1919, on *Leviathan*. Landed at Hoboken, New Jersey, September 8, 1919; to Camp Mills, September 8, 1919; to Camp Meade, September 17, 1919. Discharged September 27, 1919.

Hartman, Harvey, Cullom, Illinois. Enlisted October 31, 1917. Pvt., Avia., Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. To Co. B, 5 Bal. Sqdn., Ft. Omaha, Nebraska. (From Livingston Co. Local Board records. Service record not returned.)

Hartman, Lewis, Cullom, Illinois. Born July 7, 1892, Cullom, Illinois. Farmer. Inducted May 26, 1918, Pontiac, Illinois. To Camp Gordon, Georgia. Pvt., Co. 44, 4 Rep. Reg. Inf., 83 Div., transferred to Co. 40, 4 Rep. Reg. Inf., June 28, 1918; to Camp Merritt, July 15,

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ENLISTMENT RECORD.

Name: Benjamin F. Gerig Grade: Sergeant 1st class
 Enlisted January 2nd, 1917, at Jefferson Barracks, Mo.
 Serving in First enlistment period at date of discharge
 Prior service: * Medical Department from January 1909 to January, 1911.

Noncommissioned officer: Sergeant 1st class, D.D. July 13, 1919
 Marksmanship, gunner qualification or rating: † Not Qualified
 Horsemanship: Qualified
 Battles, engagements, skirmishes, expeditions: Absent service from November 26, 1907 to April 27, 1919.

Knowledge of any vocation: Cook
 Wounds received in service:
 Physical condition when discharged: Surgeon Certificate of Disability.
 Typhoid prophylaxis completed January 25, 1917
 Paratyphoid prophylaxis completed September 17, 1917
 Married or single: Single
 Character: Excellent.
 Remarks: Entitled to travel allowance.

1783 Jan the husband of Florence
 Edward H. Gerig
 Ordinary Justice

Signature of soldier: Benjamin F. Gerig
Travel pay paid to
Jefferson Barracks, Mo. 71.01
 WEST POINT N.Y. 137.20
E. J. Zimmerman
 Commanding Det. Med. Dept.

* Give company and regiment or corps or department, with inclusive dates of service in each enlistment.
 † Give date of qualification or rating and number, date, and source of order announcing same.

ENLISTMENT RECORD

Name Benjamin F. Gerig

Grade Sargeant 1" class

Enlisted January 2" 1917, of Jefferson Barracks, Mo.

Serving in First - - - - - enlistment period at date of discharge.

Prior service: *Medical Department from January 1909 to January 1911.

Noncommissioned officer: Sa#geant 1" class M. D. July 13, 1909

Marksmanship, gunner qualification or rating: Not Qualified.

Horsemanship : Qualified

Battles, engagements, skirmishes, expeditions: Oversea service from N
November 26, 1917 to April 27, 1919.

Knowledge of any vocation: Cook

Wounds received in service: ---

Physical condition when discharged: Surgeon's Certificate of Disability.

Typhoid prophylaxis completed January 25, 1917

Paratyphoid prophylaxis completed September 12, 1917

Married or single; Single

CHARACTER: Excellent

Remarks: Entitled to travel allowance.

Signature of soldier: (Signed) Benjamin F. Gerig

(Signed) W. P. Reynolds
Colonel, Med. Corps
Commanding Det. Med. Dept.

State of California)
County of Los Angeles)SS

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the
original discharge of Benjamin F. Gerig.

Harne A. Bartlett
Notary Public in and for the county
of Los Angeles, State of California.

My commission expires April 3, 1931

MILITARY RECORD.

Serving in First enlistment period at date of discharge.

Continuous Service at date of discharge: years months days

Previous Service: None

Noncommissioned officer: Never

Marksmanship: No practice

~~Marksmanship~~

~~No practice~~

Battles, engagements, skirmishes, expeditions: None

Wounds received in service: None

Physical condition when discharged: Good

Married or single: Single

Remarks: Service Honest & Faithful

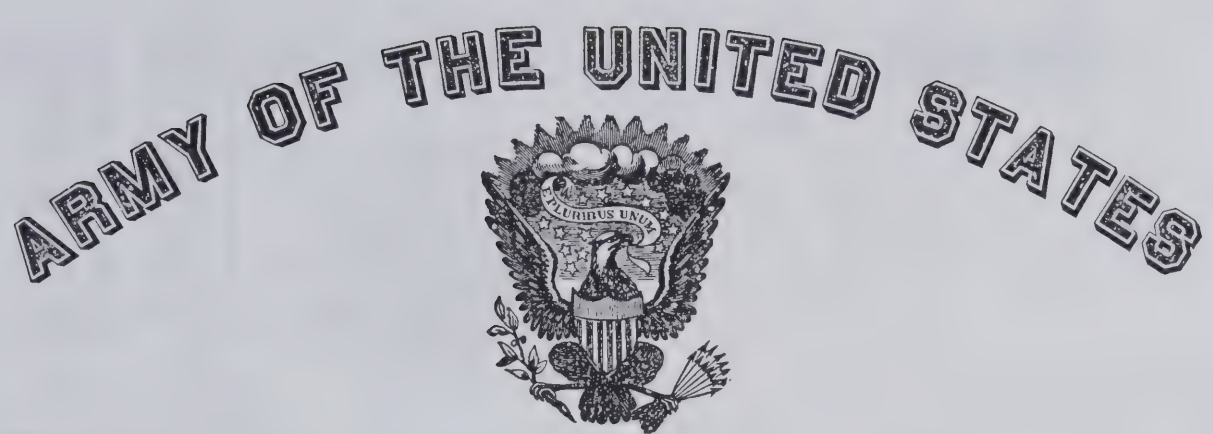
This soldier is not entitled to travel allowances. G.O. 13, W.S. 09.

No unauthorized absence

W. H. H. H.

Major, Medical Corps.

Commanding Detachment



To all whom it may concern:

Know Ye, That Benjamin F. Gerig
a Private of Hospital of the Corps, Regiment
of U.S. Army, who was enlisted at Jefferson Barracks, Mo.
on the twenty third day of January, one thousand nine hundred
and nine, to serve three years, is hereby Honorably
Discharged from the Army of the United States by reason
of Par 10, 5, 0, 30, War Department, December 24, 1910 (Purchase)

Said Benjamin F. Gerig was born in Livingston
in the State of Illinois, and when enlisted was 24 $\frac{6}{12}$ years
of age, by occupation a Fireman, had Blue #7 eyes,
Str Br hair, Fair complexion, and was 5 feet 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches in height.

Given under my hand at Fort Monroe, Virginia, this
2nd day of January, one thousand nine hundred and eleven

[Signature]
Major Medical Corps, Commanding Det.

CHARACTER.

No objection to his reenlistment is known to exist.

Excellent

[Signature]
Major, Medical Corps,

Comdg, Detachment, [Signature]

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Honorable Discharge from the United States Army

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TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to Certify, That *Benjamin F. Gering*
* "4138" *Sergeant 1st class, Medical Department*
† *Regular Army*, as a TESTIMONIAL OF HONEST AND FAITHFUL
SERVICE, is hereby HONORABLY DISCHARGED from the military service of the

UNITED STATES by reason of † *Surgeon Certificate of Disability per 3rd Ind. Hq. C.D., Dec. 7, 1920*
Said *Benjamin F. Gering* was born
in *Livingston County*, in the State of *Illinois*

When enlisted he was *31 1/2* years of age and by occupation a *Coat*
He had *brown* # *3* eyes, *dark brown* hair, *Ir. Fair* complexion, and
was *5* feet *7 1/2* inches in height.

Given under my hand at *West Point, N.Y.*
6th day of *December*, one thousand nine hundred and *nineteen*

W. H. Morris
Colonel, Med. Corps
Commanding.

"True extract certified by me on Nov 11, 1920, for the purpose of obtaining
Victory Medal by mail." *C. B. Morris* Notary Public

C O P Y

HONORABLE DISCHARGE FROM THE UNITED STATES ARMY

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY That BENJAMIN F. GERIG

"4128" Sargeant 1" class Medical Department

Regular Army,

as a TESTIMONIAL OF HONEST AND FAITHFUL

SERVICE, is hereby HONORABLY DISCHARGED from the military service

of the UNITED STATES by reason of Surgeon's Certificate of

Disability per 3" Ind. Hg. E. D. Dec. 2, 1919

Said BENJAMIN F. GERIG

was born

in Livingston County, in the State of Illinois.

When enlisted he was 31-6/12 years of age and by occupation a Cook.

He had brown #3 eyes, dark brown hair, M. Fair complexion and

was 5 feet 7½ inches in height.

Given under my hand at West Point, N. Y. this

6" day of December, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen.

(Signed) F. P. Reynolds

" Colonel, Med. Corps

Commanding

January 14, 1914.

Miss Eliza Bauman and Ralph Coup, both of Pontiac, were married this afternoon by the Rev. John Ryan. They will reside on a farm near Swygert.

The annual Livingston County Farmers' Institute opened today at Folks Opera House. The Institute will last three days.

Miss Nettie Frey and William Roth, both of Waldo township, were married this afternoon at the Methodist church by the Rev. John Ryan.

Superintendent of Streets Robinson had to place the street sprinkler in service due to the heavy wind blowing dust from the pavements.

This evening at the German Evangelical church at Flanagan Miss Gesina Joosten and Benjamin Gerig were married. Mr. Gerig conducts a bakery and restaurant in Flanagan.

A team of heavy draft horses belonging to M. Bauman became frightened today when the wagon tongue broke, and ran away through the business district. Before they could be stopped they ran into a Ford runabout parked near the Pontiac State bank. The runabout belonging to Dr. C. C. Meeks, was damaged considerably.

San Antonio Texas
1310 Roosevelt
Dec 20

Dear Don:

I was very pleased to get your letter and quite surprised at the length of it, it was very interesting.

We are having lovely weather here, the sun has shone every day all day for at least 10 days. it is 65 degrees today.

Uncle Ben is really enjoying it he sleeps so good at night. He goes to bed about 10 o'clock & sleep until about that time in the mor I get up about 8:30 as I got so I couldn't sleep so well. I hope you are having an exciting time right before Xmas. Of course it doesn't seem much like Xmas here.

Are you going to have snow there for Xmas? I mean have you snow?

I am sending you a picture of the moon and Venus a large star it was a beautiful sight, we saw it when it looked just like the picture then it disappeared behind the moon for almost an hour. we saw when it appeared again from behind the moon. The night was so clear and the sky so bright. it was a beautiful sight especially when the star was just above the moon.

How are all the rest of the family? Well, I hope, I don't seem to know much to write you, but I'm expecting a big letter from you again after I tell you all about your & mine gifts, and everything.

We have gotten 25 ^{groups} cards so far, and I got a lovely crocheted apron from a friend of mine in Pontiac.

Here's wishing you a Merry Xmas & A Happy New Year
Aunt Nellie
P.S. Perhaps you & brother at school would be interested in that picture

Ben F. Gerig, Waldo Native, Dies At Age 80

**Former Flanagan Resident
Passes Away In Hines Vets'
Hospital, Interred Saturday**

Benjamin F. Gerig, 80, of 912 N. Hazel street, Pontiac, a native of Waldo township, died last Thursday at Hines Veterans' hospital after a six months illness. Mr. Gerig was a brother of Peter Gerig of Flanagan.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the Raleigh J. Harris Funeral home. The Rev. Peter Borzeka of the Pontiac Baptist church officiated. Mrs. Ethel Marvel was the organist.

Burial was in Memorial Park cemetery. Pallbearers were Elmer Crabb, Gail Brannon, Forrest Herwig, George Natzke, John Slender and W. E. Skelton. Honorary pallbearers were Ellis Elrod, Morris Veatch, Charles McCarrey, Harvey Gallup, Robert Kipfer and James Van Winkle.

Benjamin Gerig, a son of Joseph and Fanny (Roth) Gerig, was born June 25, 1885, in Waldo township. He was educated in the rural schools. During World War I he served in France with the U. S. Army. On August 24, 1929, he was married to Tillie Litwiller at Geneva. Mr. Gerig retired about 30 years ago.

He was a member of the Flanagan Lutheran church, the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled American Veterans; the Masonic Blue Lodge, Chapter and Commandery.

Surviving are his wife; one brother, Peter Gerig, Flanagan, two sisters, Mrs. Lizzie Becker, Ft. Wayne, Ind., and Mrs. Mary Gerig, Woodburn, Ind.

Preceding him in death were four brothers, Joseph, John and Jacob Gerig of Woodburn, Ind., and Chris Gerig, Flanagan; five sisters, Anna and Lydia, in infancy, Mrs. Lena Zimmerman, Flanagan, Mrs. Katie Becker and Miss Emma Gerig, Gridley. *Lizzie Becker*

Benjamin Gerig Funeral To Be Saturday

The funeral for Benjamin F. Gerig, 80, 912 N. Hazel St., will be Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at the Raleigh J. Harris Funeral Home. The Rev. Peter Borzeka, pastor of the first Baptist Church will officiate. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Friends may call after 4 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Mr. Gerig died Thursday at 8:30 a.m. at Hines Veterans Hospital after a six months illness.

Mr. Gerig was born June 25, 1885, near Gridley, a son of Joseph and Fanny (Roth) Gerig. He was educated in rural schools. He married Tillie Litwiller at Geneva on Aug. 24, 1929. He retired 30 years ago.

During World War I he served in France with the U.S. Army.

He was a member of the Flanagan Lutheran Church, the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American Veterans, the Masonic Blue Lodge, Chapter and Commandery.

Surviving are his wife; a brother, Peter, Flanagan; two sisters, Mrs. Lizzie Becker, Ft. Wayne, Ind., and Mrs. Mary Gerig, Woodburn Ind.

Four brothers and three sisters preceded him in death.

The family of the late Ben Gerig suggest that tangible expressions of sympathy be given in the form of contributions to the Liv. Co. Cancer Society.—Advertisement.

Mathilda F. Gerig

PONTIAC — Mathilda F. "Tillie" Gerig, 94, a resident of Meadows Mennonite Home, formerly of Pontiac, died at 7:20 a.m. yesterday (Aug. 20, 1992) at the home after a brief illness.

Her funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Raleigh J. Harris Funeral Home, Pontiac, with her great-nephew, the Rev. Donald W. Roth, officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery, Pontiac.

Visitation will be from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Mrs. Gerig was born Jan. 17, 1898, in Meadows, a daughter of David and Mary Rediger Litwiller. She married Benjamin F. Gerig Aug. 24, 1929, in Geneva. He died Sept. 16, 1965.

Among survivors are two nieces, Viola Roth and Lillian Stucky, both of Meadows.

She was preceded in death by three brothers and four sisters.

Mrs. Gerig was educated in rural Gridley and Pike Township schools.

She was a member of First Baptist Church of Pontiac and was employed by Fashion Bilt Shoe Co., Pontiac, for 25 years.

Memorials may be made to Meadows Mennonite Home or the church.

Mathilda F. Gerig

The funeral for Mathilda F. "Tillie" Gerig, 94, a resident of Meadows Mennonite Home and formerly of Pontiac, will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Raleigh J. Harris Funeral Home. Her great-nephew, Reverend Donald W. Roth, and Reverend James O. Wolfe III will officiate.

Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Friends may call from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Mrs. Gerig died at 7:20 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, 1992, at Meadows Mennonite Home following a brief illness.

She was born Jan. 17, 1898, at Gridley, a daughter of David and Mary (Rediger) Litwiller. She married Benjamin F. Gerig Aug. 24, 1929, at Geneva. He died Sept. 16, 1965.

Among survivors are two nieces, Viola Roth and Lillian Stucky, both of Meadows.

She was preceded in death by three brothers and four sisters.

Mrs. Gerig was educated in rural Gridley and Pike Township schools.

She had been employed at Fashion Bilt Shoe Company for 25 years.

She was a member of First Baptist Church of Pontiac.

The family suggests memorials to Meadows Mennonite Home or to the First Baptist Church.

B.F. Gerig 1885

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